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Grafting

Grafting, also known as „Kitchener stitch“, is worked with a tapestry needle and mimics the look of a row of knitted stitches.

Use the stitch to close the toe of a sock, or to join the beginning and the end of a scarf invisibly to create a loop.

It is necessary to have live stitches on both ends of the piece that has to be joined:



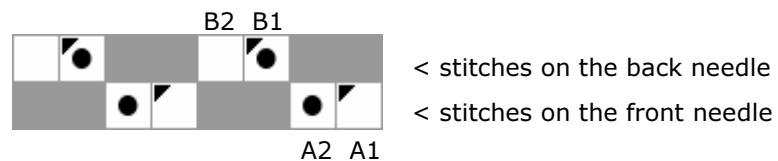
Work through 2 stitches of the needle in front and 2 stitches of the needle in back, alternating between both needles.

A – Front needle:






1. stitch: Thread the tapestry needle through the stitch as if to knit and slip the stitch = knit sl.
2. stitch: Thread the needle through the stitch as if to purl = purl.
(A2: Do NOT slip the stitch.)

B – Back needle:

1. stitch: Thread the needle through the stitch as if to purl and slip the stitch = purl sl.
2. stitch: Thread the needle through the stitch as if to knit = knit.
(B2: Do NOT slip the stitch.)



Repeat steps A and B until all stitches have been grafted together.

-  No stitch (placeholder)
-  Thread the needle through the stitch knitwise
-  Thread the needle through the stitch purlwise
-  Thread the needle through the stitch knitwise, slip the stitch
-  Thread the needle through the stitch purlwise, slip the stitch

Have much fun with your needlework!

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