



Country Yarns

The three needle bind-off is a useful technique to acquire a nice, neat seam while avoiding having to sew it up. It is quite strong and especially useful in the shoulder area of a sweater which get a fair bit of stress. It will feel a little awkward at first but with practice, it becomes easy to do. In addition to the needles you're working from, you'll need one more needle in the same size.

Make sure that the needles are parallel to each other and that they both point in the same direction. The working yarn should be coming off the first stitch of the needle closest to you.

2. Insert the tip of your third needle into the first stitches on both of your stitch-holding needles and knit as though you were doing a k2tog, removing both stitches from their respective needles and creating a single stitch on your third needle.

Repeat the procedure so that you have two stitches on your third needle. Lift the second stitch over the first as you would with a regular bind-off. Continue in this fashion to the end of the row and fasten off.

3. The three-needle bind off is a handy way to get live stitches off of two needles at once, making an edge that's automatically stitched together. It's a great choice for the toes of socks, the tops of hats, the shoulders of a sweater, or anywhere else you have stitches on two needles and want to bind off and seam the edge at the same time.

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