



Country Yarns

Provisional Cast On

This method of casting on uses a length of waste yarn that is removed later to reveal "live" stitches.

The provisional cast on is used whenever you want to create a starting point in your knitting from which you may decide to thread the needles through again and work in the opposite direction.

With a provisional cast on you can even start a scarf in the middle and work a chart that looks right on both ends.

It's a very useful technique when you're not sure what kind of edging you'll want or how long to make something.

With some smooth waste yarn and a crochet hook, chain a few more stitches than you will be casting on. Cut the tail and pull it through the last stitch.

holding chain so that the "hump" (the one loop at back of chain) is facing upward, place crochet hook in loop & pull thru working yarn & place stitch on working needle. Continue across until amount of stitches needed has been picked up.

How to get the Stitches back on the Needle

1. Recall that you made a slip knot with your waste yarn and working yarn and

cast on stitches from there. Place your knitting on the table with the right side

facing with the slipknot on your right.

2. Carefully untie the slipknot and begin to unravel the stitches. As you do this,

you will see a loop of working yarn. That is your first stitch. Pluck out the waste

yarn and place it on your needle.

3. Continue across all the stitches and pluck out the waste yarn as you go. I use

the other side of my circular needle or a spare needle to do so.

4. If your waste yarn is nice and slippery and in a contrasting color, keep a pair of

scissors nearby so you can carefully cut the waste yarn so it is a manageable

length.

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