

Machine Knitting Tips

Quick Method of Cut & Sew Neckline: Using a water soluble pen, mark your neckline (from your favorite pattern). Using the medium width zigzag, medium length, sew twice around your mark - one just inside the other. Cut away fabric, and attach pre-knitted neck band using a 3-prong tool about 1/4" down from last stitching. Fold band over and finish, enclosing the stitched edge. If you have a serger, use the 3 threads (for more stretch), but do not stretch the knit when sewing it, either with the machine or serger. - Barbara Meloy

When adding multiple stitches using e-wrap simply put those needles out to hold for a few rows and they will knit off correctly.

A Perfect Bulky Cast-On: RC 0, lowest tension, COR. Zig-zag cast-on. Hang comb but NO WEIGHTS. Set ribber to part or slip. Knit 1 row. Return ribber to normal.

With ribber pick (looks like a latch tool without the latch), catch bars between main bed stitches that were created from previous row and pull down to hook on ribber needles in work below. Hang weights. Knit 1 row. RC 3. COL. Set main bed to your desired rib tension and set ribber tension 1 tension tighter. Rib as desired.

After garment is completed and removed from machine, carefully look at lower corner of rib. A small loop will be sticking out sideways. Grab this loop. You may need to use a tool, like the ribber pick, at first. Pull that loop all the way out. This removes the original zig-zag row that was too loose, leaving the hand manipulated tight row for the cast on edge.