

CAST ON and SLIP KNOT

Pull a length of yarn (allow 1" for each stitch you will cast on) from the ball and use your needle to make a slip knot. Hold the needle with the **slip knot (Fig. 1A)** in your right hand just above your left hand.

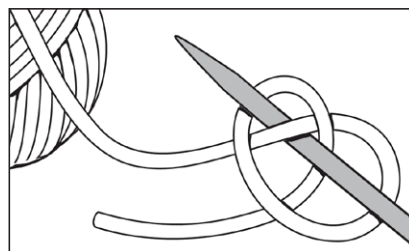


Fig. 1A

Put the working yarn, between your middle and index finger, and the yarn tail to the outside of your thumb. Grab both yarn ends with your other three fingers and hold them in your palm (**Fig. 1B**).

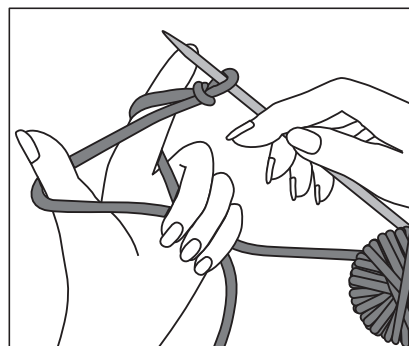


Fig. 1B

Move the needle down until the strands cross at your thumb. Slide the needle tip under the outside strand of yarn on your thumb (**Fig. 2**).

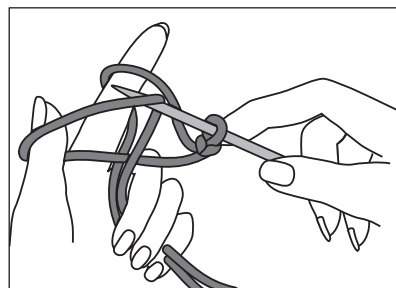


Fig. 2

Move the needle to the nearest strand on your index finger and slip the tip over the strand between it and our index finger (**Fig. 3**).

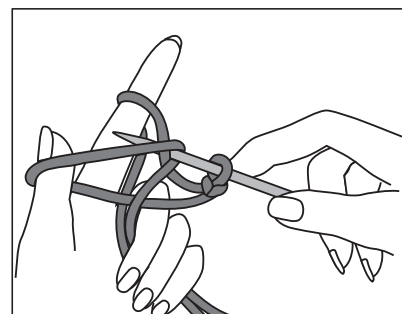


Fig. 3

Bring the needle down through the loop on your thumb and pull the loop on the needle up and out of the thumb loop (**Fig. 4**).

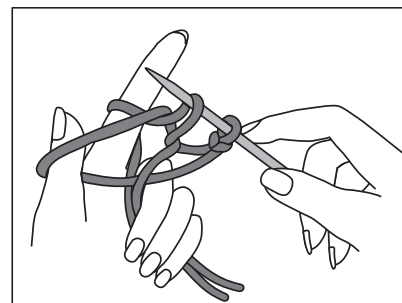


Fig. 4

Slip your thumb out of its loop, but don't let go of the yarn ends. Spread your thumb and index finger out to tighten your new stitch (**Fig. 5**).

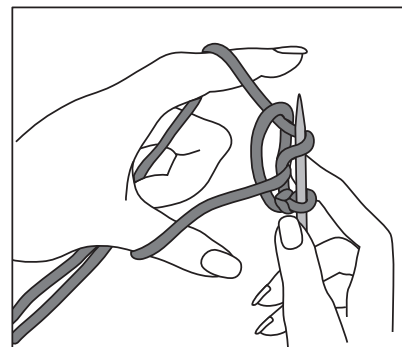


Fig. 5