

Two-Color Fishtail Cast-On

This makes a colorful braided edge with stitches pointing to the left.

This method is just the same as the one-color, only you make the slipknot using both colored yarns.

1. Make a slipknot, place the lighter-colored loop onto the left needle and the darker loop onto the right needle.

2. Bring the lighter yarn from the back between the two needles and make a stitch as before; the first two stitches are both light-colored.

3. Bring the darker yarn from the back between the two needles and make a stitch.

Repeat Steps 2–3 always alternating the yarns at the back of the work in a counterclockwise direction.

Fringe Cast-On

This starts just the same as the Long-Tail Cast-On but both sides of the loop around your index finger are picked up by the needle to make the fringe.

1. Make a slipknot leaving a long tail and slip it onto a needle. Hold the yarn from the ball around the index finger, and the long tail around the thumb — just the same as the Long-Tail Cast-On (see page 117).

2. Go to make your first stitch as you would for the Long-Tail Cast-On but take the needle behind both sides of the loop around your index finger.

3. Pull the needle through, use your index finger to maintain the fringe loop, and pull the long tail tight to secure the fringed loop.

4. Remove your index finger and set up again for the next fringe loop, keeping the long tail at the front of your work and the yarn from the ball at the back.

There will be two loops on the needle for each stitch cast on. Make sure to work both loops together for each stitch.

Knotted Cast-On

You will need two double-pointed needles.

This method is worked similar to the Continental or Long-Tail Cast-On but with a third length of yarn.

1. Holding both dpn parallel in your right hand make a slipknot and place it on both dpn.

2. Take another long length of yarn and hang it over the right needle next to the slipknot.

3. Pick up the yarns with your left hand taking one length of yarn around the index finger and three yarns around the thumb (**Figure 1**).

4. Twist your wrist so that your palm is facing you and cast on the first stitch just as you would for the Long-Tail Cast-On (**Figure 2**).

5. To cast on the second stitch, twist the front of your hand towards you and insert the tip of the needle under the yarn behind the thumb, bring the needle tip up to catch the yarn around the index finger, and pull the yarn through (**Figure 3**).

Repeat Steps 4–5.

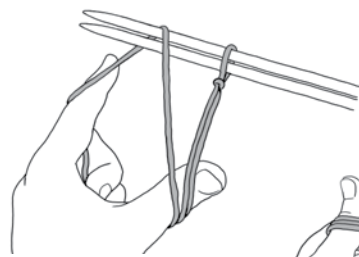


Figure 1



Figure 2

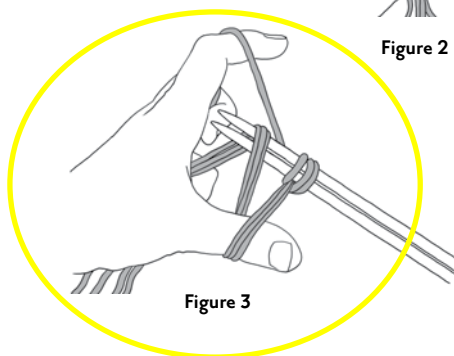


Figure 3