



The 'Right' Way to Knit (or anything else, for that matter)



Why do you knit? Unless you are knitting for competition, or doing production work for a clothing company, you probably knit, like most of us, for your own enjoyment, and to make useful things for yourself, friends, and family.

Do you worry about your knitting being 'perfect'? Why? Maybe you take enjoyment out of every little thing being exactly as the rule books say it should be. If you do, and that's your thing, more power to you, keep on as you are, and stop reading right now because what comes next might shock you.

But if not? Do you live in fear of the dreaded dropped stitch because it means you are going to have to rip out miles of knitting, only to have to re-knit it? Where's the joy in that?

I'm going to suggest something that may be a radical concept to you - give yourself permission to knit things that are not 'perfect'. Who decided on the rules, anyway? Sure, some of them make our lives easier - you want to be sure to pick up that dropped stitch that is liable to keep on going, leaving a big old hole in the middle of the front of your sweater. But what if you have an extra stitch added in somewhere - you don't even know where it came from. Is it going to run? Will it be noticeable when the, whatever it is, is in use?

No? Then just knit 2 together. I give you permission. If you are a stitch short, will it show? Then add one on. What about knots? Maybe you, like me, used to struggle with all of the suggested methods for adding in yarn - splicing, carrying both yarns for several stitches, etc. Wow, these usually take more time than I feel is worth it, and I never feel like they're secure enough for something that is going to get hard use - especially kid's things.

Sure, these methods have their place - I don't want a big old knot on the sole of my sock (ouch), or in the middle of my delicate lace shawl. But a felted purse? A kid's coat? What's

so awful about a good, honest, strong, KNOT? Put it in a seam, hide it well, make sure it doesn't rub a sensitive spot on the knitwear recipient's anatomy, and go for it!

Remember, there are no knitting police, and I'M sure not going to snitch on you.

Have fun! *Sherry* 

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