

## **Mitered squares basic instructions.**

### **Step 1. Cast on**

Cast on 10 stitches, place marker, cast on 10 more stitches. You have 20 stitches total.

### **Step 2. Knit first square**

#### **Square pattern:**

Row 1: K to 2sts before marker, ssk, slip marker, k2tog, k to end

Row 2: K

Repeat these 2 rows until 2sts remain, K2tog, break yarn and fasten off.

#### Note:

I like to slip the first stitch purlwise on all rows to make a better defined edge. I find it makes it easier to pick up edge stitches later on but that is certainly optional.

### **Step 3. Joining new squares**

The basic method ensures that all your squares mitered joints are slanted in the same direction and that you maintain a consistent right/wrong side throughout your project.

A new square is added by picking up stitches from previous squares or a combination of picking up stitches and casting on, depending on where your mitered square is located in the project.

In this example, we will join 4 squares together with their mitered joints slanted from bottom left to top right. There are 3 basic situations:

- i. a square is added to the right edge of an existing square.
- ii. a square is added to the top edge of an existing square
- iii. a square is added respectively to the top and right edges of two existing squares

Square 3 (ii)	Square 4 (iii)
Square 1	Square 2 (i)

#### **Second square (i)**

In this configuration, the second square is placed to the right of the first square:

1. Position your first square so that the right side is up and the mitered joint is oriented from bottom left to top right.
2. Cast on 10 stitches for one side of your square (half the total cast-on for your first square).
3. Slip a stitch marker onto your needle.
4. Beginning at the bottom right edge of the first square, pick up 10 stitches along that edge.
5. Knit Row 1 of the basic square pattern along the wrong side.
6. Knit Row 2 of the basic square pattern, and continue repeating these 2 rows as you did for the first square.

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### **Third square (ii)**

We are now ready to add a third square on top of the first one:

1. Place your first 2 squares so that the right side is up and the mitered joints are oriented from bottom left to top right.
2. Beginning at the top right edge of the first square, pick up 10 stitches along the top edge of the first square (half the total cast-on of your first square).
3. Slip a stitch marker onto your needle.
4. Cast on 10 stitches for the second side of your square.
5. Knit Row 1 of the basic square pattern along the wrong side.
6. Knit Row 2 of the basic square pattern, and continue repeating these 2 rows as you did for the first square.

### **Four square (iii)**

The fourth square is added to the right of the third one. This time, we are picking up all 20 stitches.

1. Place your first 3 squares so that the right side is up and the mitered joints are oriented from bottom left to top right.
2. Beginning at the top right edge of the second square, pick up 10 stitches along the top edge of the second square (half the total cast-on of your first square).
3. Slip a stitch marker onto your needle.
4. Continue by picking up 10 stitches along the right edge of your third square.
5. Knit Row 1 of the basic square pattern along the wrong side.
6. Knit Row 2 of the basic square pattern, and continue repeating these 2 rows as you did for the first square.