

Introduction to Double Knitting

Samples

Socktopus: [<http://knitty.com/ISSUEwinter08/PATTsocktopus.php>]

Bunny: pattern from *Knitter's Stash* by Barbara Boulton — library book

Elmo Peep Amigurumi Knitting Pattern by theknittycat/Shar on Ravelry (See her website for tutorials.)

Little Sit-ster by Janet Scanlon in *The Natural Knitter* by Barbara Albright—library book



References & Resources

Double knitting by Beverly Royce — out of print. For a pattern using her knit-slip technique, try this pattern from Ravelry: "Double Knit Mini Christmas Stocking Ornament" by Jennifer Tallapaneni

Beverly shows how to knit Anna Makarovna's Secret Stockings [from *War and Peace* but since the book is rare, here is a wonderful online tutorial for a short-row heel version: <http://knitty.com/ISSUEfall06/FEATextreme2in1.html>

Mary Thomas's Knitting Book — Beverly Royce's inspiration!

Knitters' Almanac by EZ, February chapter — double knit baby blanket

Mastering Color Knitting by Melissa Leapman for two-color double knitting patterns & charts — library book

Extreme Double Knitting: New Adventures in Reversible Colorwork, by Alasdair Post-Quinn, fallingblox on Ravelry; website www.fallingblox.com Do watch his excellent videos for detailed double knitting techniques.

Article & Pattern about Mrs. Hoover's baby blanket: <http://knitty.com/ISSUEfall03/PATHoover.html>

Two-color heart matt pattern: <http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/heart-double-knit-hotpad>

Watch this video: <http://www.knittinghelp.com/video/play/double-knitting>

Class Sampler

- ★ Double knitting requires an even number of stitches.
- ★ Typically use small needles because DK stitches are stretched apart on the needles.
- ★ Two rows equals one round.
- ★ Slip all sts as if to purl, with yarn in front [wyif] OR back [wyib] as directed.

Open Tube Cast On:

1st half of round: Cast on half required number for tube using any method (6). Turn.

2nd half of round: *Use backward loop cast on. Keep yarn in back throughout this return row.*

sl1 wyib, co 1. Repeat from ending with co1 (12 stitches)

Closed Tube Cast On:

Cast on total number of tube stitches. Begin DK Stitch pattern.

Double Knit Stitch Patterns:

Stitch Pattern 1: stockinette tube, right side out.

Knit-round rows: *K1, sl1 wyif. Repeat from* every row/round to desired length.

Stitch Pattern 2: stockinette tube, purl side out. (This is Beverly's "knit-slip in one motion" technique.)

Slip as if to purl with yarn in back. Begin transitioning from Stitch Pattern 1 by purling the first stitch (instead of slipping) then start pattern stitch at first asterisk.

Knit-round rows: sl1 wyib, *K1, sl1 Repeat from* every row/round to desired length.

Two Color Double Knitting:

Tie end of contrast color [cc] to main color [mc]. Hold both colors in one hand and move them together. Twist colors once at beginning of each row for a closed tube. Untwisted yarns create open sides.

Row 1: Sl1 mc, *P1 cc, k1 mc. Repeat from* ending in p1 cc.

Row 2: *K1 cc, p1 mc. repeat from*

Row 3: *K1 mc, p1 cc. Repeat from*
repeat rows 2 & 3 for desired length.

Bind Off

Close tube using a regular bind off. To keep open separate front & back stitches by slipping onto two double points and then bind off as usual.