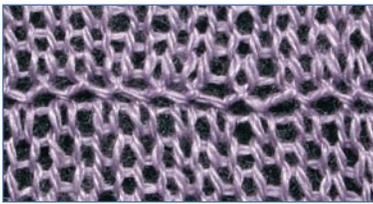


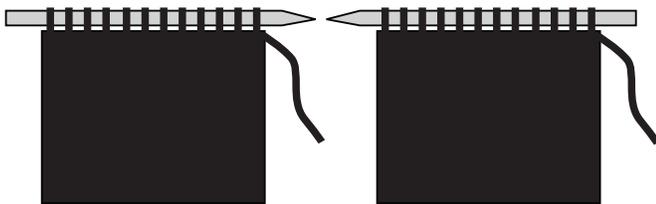
I love the ease and speed of joining two pieces of identical knitting with Russian Grafting. It makes a smoother seam at the join than 3-needle bind off and is easier to do than Kitchener Stitch Grafting.



The slight herringbone appearance of a Russian Graft join.

Joining in Garter Stitch

To join two pieces of garter stitch, such as a scarf, first position the two pieces of knitting side-by-side with yarn tails of both to the right as in the illustration below. Have the needle points facing each other. If you are using straight needles rather than circulars, you may have to rearrange the stitches on one of the scarf halves so that the working tips are facing each other and yarn tails are to the right.



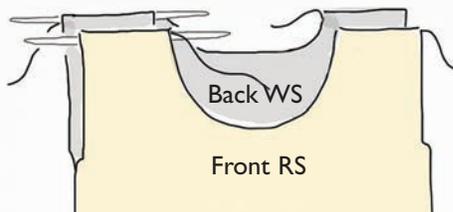
Slip the first stitch from the right-hand needle to the left-hand needle. *Insert the tip of the right needle through the slipped stitch on the left needle and draw the next stitch through the slipped stitch. Slip this stitch to the right needle and drop the first stitch off the needle. Now insert the tip of the left needle through the slipped stitch on the right needle and draw the next stitch through the slipped stitch. Slip this stitch to the left needle and drop the first stitch off the needle.* Repeat the process between asterisks until only one stitch remains. Pull the yarn tail through and fasten off.

Joining in Stocking Stitch

Follow the same instructions as for Garter Stitch, but make sure both pieces of knitting have the right side facing up when you arrange them side-by-side.

Joining Shoulders with Russian Grafting

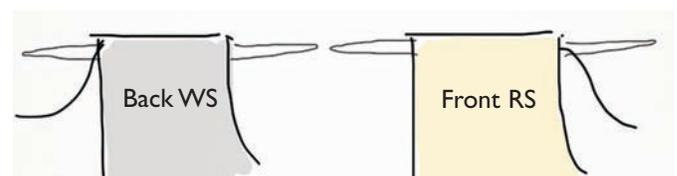
Work both shoulders the same. The illustrations below show the right shoulder. Transfer shoulder stitches to double-pointed needles. This way you won't have to worry about which way the needle tips are facing when lining up the fabric for Russian Grafting.



Have the front of the garment facing you with double-pointed needles in place on shoulder

stitches. Illustration shows yarn tails to the right on the front shoulder and to the left on the back shoulder but if yours are different, don't worry, just make sure your stitch count is the same for both shoulders.

Next, move the front and back shoulders apart so that shoulders are side-by-side and needle tips are pointing at each other as in the illustration.



Then flip the front shoulder over so that the wrong side is facing you as in the illustration below. You are now ready to graft the shoulder stitches together, following the instructions for joining in Garter Stitch.

