

## **Mattress stitch/ Joining side seams for stockinet invisibly.**

To join two pieces worked in stockinet (knit all rows) at the sides is really rather easy, it's a great way to join two stockinet pieces invisibly.

1. Line your two pieces up side by side.  
*(TIP: you may want to pin the two pieces loosely together to keep them in line as you work the seam.)*



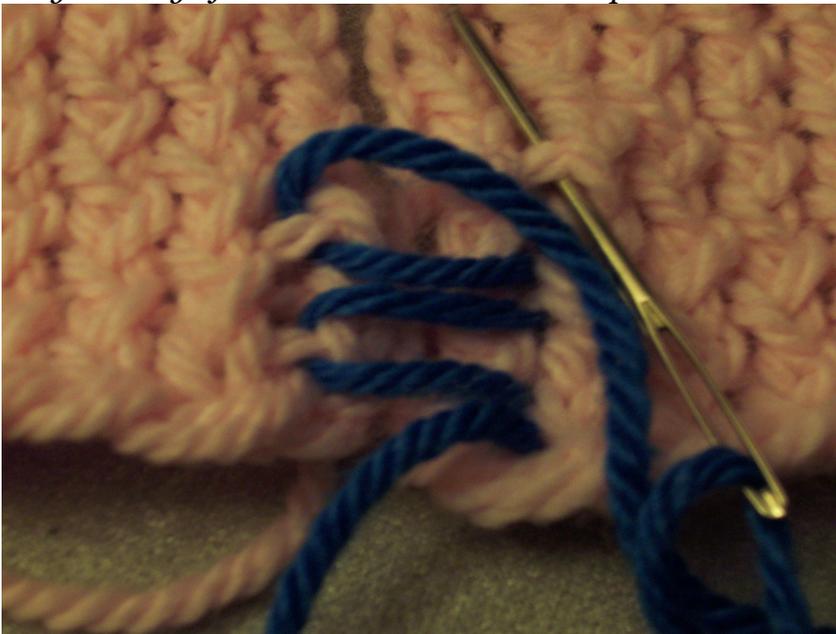
2. Pull the first two rows of your work slightly apart so that you reveal the 'bar' between the two rows.



3. Using your yarn needle and matching color yarn (contrasting yarn used here for ease of view) catch the needle just under the first bar on bottom of the right piece and pull it up through leaving a 4 inch tail.



4. Move to the left piece and catch the first bar between the first two rows of the piece at the bottom and pull your yarn through, taking care to hold the tail of the working yarn firm so you do not pull it through.
5. Continue in this manner, alternating right to left until you have worked the complete seam or length called for in your pattern.  
*(TIP: it is not necessary to pull the working yarn tight after each stitch, you can go for an inch or two and then pull the seam stitches tight.)*



6. Pull the working yarn at both ends to ensure that the seam is firm and weave in your ends.

I dare you!! Find my seam!! And it's done with bright blue yarn! Cool eh?



Some notes:

When using this seam it is best to plan for it when you start your piece. You will need one extra row at the sides where you intend to use this seaming technique to allow for a 'selvedge' just like in sewing. So cast on one extra where you will need it for the seam.

Even though the seam does disappear, it is best to use matching yarn when seaming, if you are seaming a striped piece you might want to use the medium color to seam with. Or try out a few of the colors you have worked the piece with and see which one works best.