



Linen Stitch

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The Linen Stitch is a simple stitch to work, that creates a flat, dense fabric. This is the basic pattern for it. You can use any yarn, any needles, and cast-on as many stitches as you'd like.

For an instructional video on this technique, visit:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6o0Y4Yu6wuA>

DIRECTIONS

Using the long-tail cast-on, cast-on an even number of stitches.

For a review of the long-tail cast-on, visit:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sN9cNEozOLc>

Starting with Row 2, work the following two rows to desired length.

Row 1 (right side): *Knit 1, slip 1 with yarn in front*, repeat between the * across to end of row

Row 2: *Purl 1, slip 1 with yarn in back*, repeat between the * across to end of row

Binding off:

On the right side of the work, *Knit 1, slip 1, bind-off 1* repeat to last stitch and knit the last stitch instead of slipping it. Bind the last stitch off normally, cut the yarn, and pull the end through the last loop to tighten it up.

NOTES

- Remember to slip all stitches "as if to purl", whether your working yarn is in front or back
- If you notice that your fabric is curling, you probably need to go up a needle size or two. That should help it flatten out.

VARIATIONS

For an interesting mottled look, hold two colors of yarn together as you knit.



For a zig-zag look, work the same pattern in two row stripes.



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