

Techniques



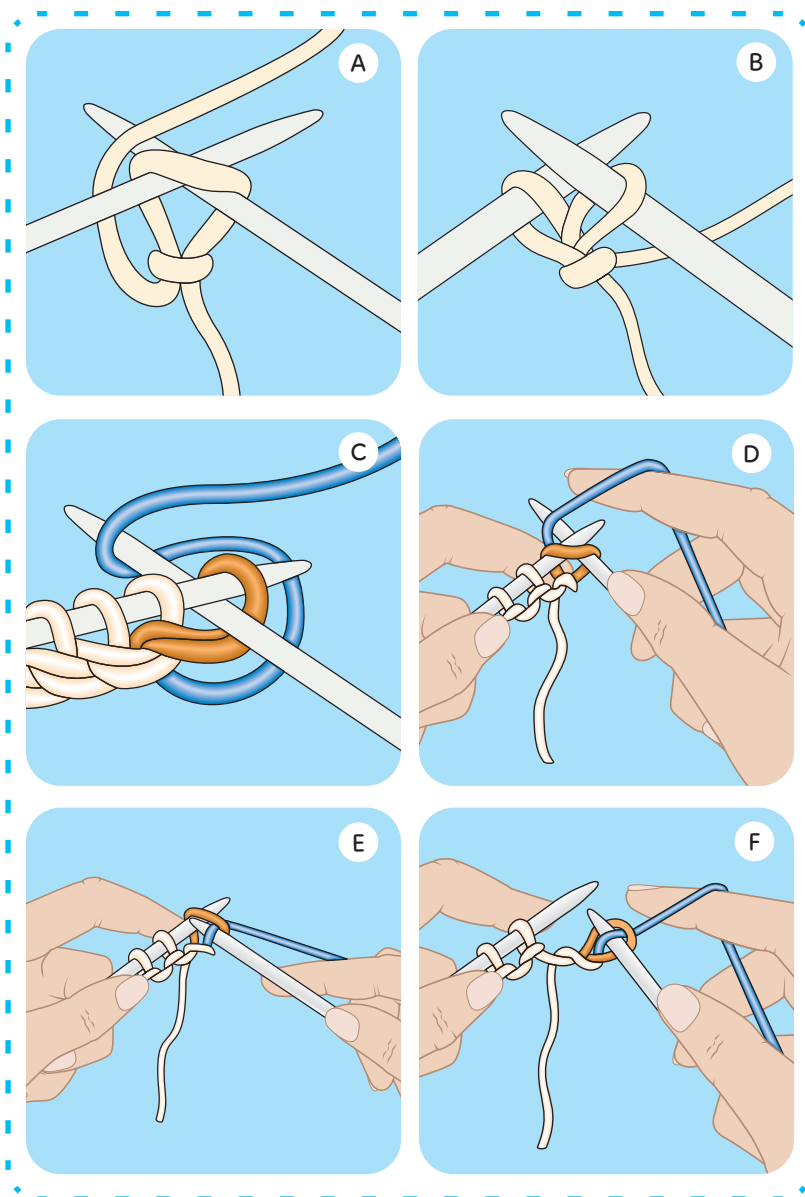
Here are all the stitches and other techniques that you will need for the projects in this book.

Cable cast on

There are many different ways of casting on yarn; for knitting toys, I find the cable cast on gives a neat and even edge. Start by making a slip knot on the left-hand needle. To make the second stitch, place the right-hand needle into the slip knot and loop the yarn around it **(A)**. Pull the loop through to make a stitch on the right-hand needle **(B)**, then transfer the stitch to the left-hand needle. For all following stitches, place the right-hand needle between the last two stitches on the left-hand needle and loop the yarn around the tip **(C)**. Pull the loop over and onto the left-hand needle. Repeat until you have the number of stitches you need.

Knit stitch (English)

Starting with stitches on the left-hand needle and the yarn behind the work, insert the tip of the right-hand needle into the front of the first stitch. Wrap the yarn around your right-hand needle clockwise **(D)** and pull the loop through the first stitch **(E)**, sliding the worked stitch off the left-hand needle and on to the right-hand one **(F)**. Repeat this until all the stitches are on the right-hand needle. Swap the needles over and repeat. For a clean edge, slide the first stitch onto the right-hand needle without knitting it, then knit all the stitches to the end of the row.



Knit stitch (continental)

Insert the tip of the right-hand needle into the first stitch from front to back and left to right. Take the yarn over and around the right-hand needle from left to right (G). Use the tip of the right-hand needle to pull the loop through the stitch on the left-hand needle to form a new stitch on the right-hand needle (H). Slide off the stitch on the left-hand needle.

Purl stitch (English)

This time start with the yarn in front, bring the tip of the right-hand needle through the front of the first stitch (I). Wrap the yarn counter clockwise around the tip of the needle (J) and pull the loop through the back of the stitch (K). Slide the worked stitch off the left-hand needle (L) and repeat. As with the knitted stitches, slide the first stitch onto the right-hand needle without purling it for a sharp edge.

Purl stitch (continental)

Hold the needle with the stitches in your left hand, with the yarn at the front. Insert the tip of the right-hand needle into the first stitch from right to left. Take the yarn over and around the right-hand needle to form the next stitch (M). Use the tip of the right-hand needle to pull the loop through the stitch on the left-hand needle to form a new stitch on the right-hand needle (N). Slide off the stitch on the left-hand needle.

