

Sonoma County Knitting Guild

Wednesday, April 19, 2006 Meeting
10 AM to Noon

RUSSIAN JOIN **Taught by Elaine Dechter** <cdunkle@sonic.net>

The "Russian join" is a method for joining two colors, or two balls of yarn, together.

If you'd like to give it a try, the "homework" requirements for Elaine's *Russian Join* demonstration is as follows:

Knit 6 swatches, in two contrasting colors. A sport or baby weight yarn is probably best though not required. Use lighter colored yarns if possible so that it is easier to see your work. Please use double point needles or circulars. I find it best to slip the first stitch of the row as if to purl and knit the last stitch of each row particularly on swatches 3, 4, and 6. This gives a smooth selvedge edge to work with that is easy to pick up stitches from.

1st swatch: In color 1 cast on 15 stitches and knit or purl or stockinette until you have approximately a square. Do not cast off but put the stitches on a holder.

2nd swatch: In color 2 follow the directions for 1st swatch.

3rd swatch: In color 1 cast on 15 stitches and knit or purl or stockinette until you have approximately a square. Cast off.

4th swatch: In color 2 follow the directions for 3rd swatch.

5th swatch: Repeat 1st swatch.

6th swatch: Repeat 3rd swatch.