

## OOPS! Fixing Common Mistakes

### Avoiding Extra Stitches

When you're beginning to knit, it's a good idea to count your stitches at the end of each row. If you end a row with more stitches than you began with, you've probably added some extra stitches. Look for slanted stitches on your needle (See Figure 1). If you see any, you may have accidentally made what's called a "yarnover".

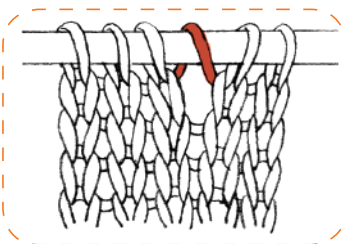


Figure 1

This happens when you accidentally place the working yarn in the front when making a knit stitch, taking the working yarn over the right needle so that the loop on the needle looks like a stitch.

To fix the accidental yarnover, unknit to the slanted yarnover—there's your working yarn, on the incorrect side of the work. The yarnover will fall off the needle. Move the working yarn to the back and then finish your row without the extra stitch!

### Accidentally Working the First Stitch as Two Stitches

This common problem is a variation of the accidental yarnover: the working yarn is thrown over the needle at the end of the row, front to back, instead of under the needle. That pulls the first stitch up so that it looks like two stitches (Figure 1).

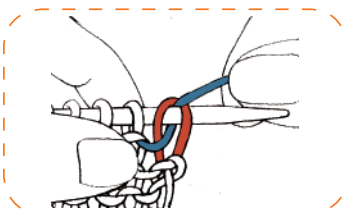


Figure 1

To fix this mistake, simply unknit to the double stitch and remove it.

## Your First Projects

### Project 1: Garter Stitch Scarf

*This scarf is both good practice for beginning knitters and a stylish accessory!*

Finished Size: 5" wide and 44" long

Yarn: CYCA #6, super chunky. Yarn Shown is Misti Alpaca Super Chunky Handpaint (50% cotton, 50% wool, 55yd [50 m]/100 g) SCH04, Oberon, 2 skeins.

Needles: Size 11 US

Gauge: 10 stitches and 18 rows in garter stitch (knit every row) equals 4 inches square

Skill Level: Easy



### Scarf

Cast on 12 stitches.

Row 1: Knit.

Repeat Row 1 until you have 24 inches of yarn left.

Bind off all stitches and sew in ends.

Wear with pride!



### Project 2: Garter Stitch Dishcloth

*You'll love knitting these dishcloths for yourself and for gifts. This is a fun project for practicing increasing and decreasing stitches.*

Finished Size: 9½ inches square

Yarn: CYCA #3, worsted. Yarn Shown is Lily Sugar'n Cream Solid (100 % cotton 120 yd [110 m]/70 g) 01222, Country Green

Needles: Size 7 US

Gauge: 16 to 18 stitches = 4 inches

Skill Level: Easy



### Stitch Guide

Yarn Over

Bring working yarn to the front and wrap around the needle from front to back.