

[Knitting Tutorial 2: How to Cast On](#)

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Learning how to knit is an exciting process, but some patience is required. Getting your needles prepped and ready for knitting is vital. In order to start knitting, you'll need to know how to cast on. Casting on is much like making a slip knot. Since you just learned how to make a slip knot, you're already half way there! Learn how to cast on in this easy knitting tutorial by M. E. Harrington. While there are several ways to cast on, this tutorial provides you with the simplest way to start your knitting.

1. Now that you know how to do the slip knot, you will be able to cast on your stitches and begin knitting. The simplest method of casting on is to use your thumb. In order to do this, you must leave a long tail of yarn to use in the casting on process.

This photo shows a slip knot made approximately 18 inches away from the end of the yarn.

