

# Joining Yarn

When working on a project, the chances are that you will probably have to join a new skein of yarn at some point, unless you are knitting a small item like mittens.

Although, I once had a dream where I was knitting straight from a sheep, I remember in my dream half of the sheep was naked and a string was coming from the other half and it was attached to my knitting loom—from my spinning experience, I know that this is not possible, so until we invent another way, we will have to join yarns at one point or another.

## **How to join new yarn:**

Join yarn at the beginning of a new row. If knitting a flat panel, try to join the new yarn at the side where a seam is going to be located.

Method 1: Leaving a 5-6 inch tail on both the old yarn and the new yarn, tie a slip knot with both yarns. Tie the knot as closely to the project as possible.

Method 2: Requires a tapestry needle. Thread the new yarn through the tapestry needle, leave about a 5-6 inch tail. Weave the tapestry needle through the back of the work in a Z form. Take tapestry needle off. Pick up the new yarn and continue knitting on.

Sometimes you will see the need to attach the yarn at the middle of the project. In this case, leave at least a 5-6 inch tail at the end of the old yarn, leave the same amount at the beginning of the new yarn. Tie a knot with the two yarns, try to place it as close to the knitted item as possible. Continue knitting.