German Short Rows
by Patti Reyes

- The German short row method can replace any other short row method.
- German short rows use a “double stitch” instead of a “wrap” and can be used with both stockinette and garter stitch patterns.
- When knitting or purling in pattern, four easy steps are used to create the double stitch (DS).
- When knitting or purling a row with DS’s on the left needle, knit or purl each DS as if it were one stitch.

**How to make a Double Stitch**

1. Work the number of stitches called for in the pattern. Turn the work.
2. With yarn in front, slip the first stitch purlwise.
3. Tug the yarn up and over the needle. This creates a “double stitch”
4. To complete the short row, knit or purl the entire row, working double stitches as one.

**Tips**

1. A removable stitch marker can be used to mark double stitches as a reminder to work them as one.

**Why use German Short Rows**

1. An amazing way to add interest and shape to knitting
2. Used for sock heels, shoulders, raising back necklines, wedge shapes
3. Used to add waves or wedges of color

**Workshop Supplies**

For workshop purposes, we will be knitting a swatch. Participants can either watch or knit along. If knitting along, please prepare a swatch ahead of time with the yarn and needles of your choice (please no novelty yarns). Bring the

**SWATCH:**
- Cast on 20 stitches
- Garter Stitch for at least 4 rows
- Stockinette Stitch for at least 4 rows.
- Do not Cast off. You are ready to add short rows to your Swatch.