

Purl Stitch: American Style

In American (also called English) Style, the working yarn is held in your right hand. Holding it in such a way as to achieve correct tension is key.

Whether you are working in Continental or American style, the purl stitch has the same rules of formation:

- Working yarn goes in front of the needle
- Right needle inserts from right to left through front leg of stitch
- Yarn goes from right to left between the needles
- Finished stitch should have right “leg” of stitch in front of needle

Find this tutorial online (including a video demonstration) here:

<http://www.talenawinters.com/purl-stitch-american>

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1. Hold yarn in right hand in front of needles.



2. Insert right needle into front “leg” of first stitch from right to left.



3. Move yarn between needles from right to left. Keep taut.



4. Keep needles at right angles. Use tip of right needle to pull yarn back through stitch to create a new loop on the right.



5. A new stitch was formed on the right needle, but the old stitch is still on the left needle, so...



6. Pull the old stitch off the left needle, leaving only the new stitch on the right.

