

Long Tail Cast On

This cast on makes a firm but stretchy edge, but its prime advantage is that it is FAST. It is also very easy to *not* make it too tight. However, if you still find that your first row is too rigid, cast onto a needle three sizes larger than the pattern calls for or around two needles.

Video tutorial at:

www.talenawinters.com/long-tail-cast-on

Note that the video has you hold your yarn tail over your thumb, the reverse of my instructions. I have tried both ways, and see very little difference. Use the way that seems best to you. If you do the yarn tail over your thumb, you can make it slightly shorter.

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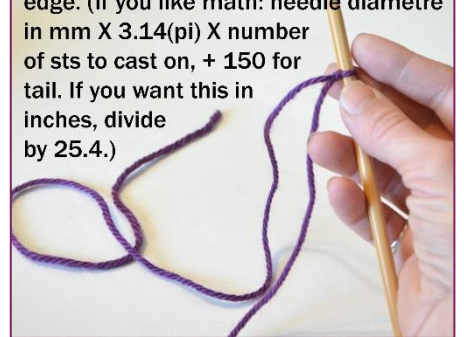
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You may be interested in this pattern:



1. Make a slip knot that tightens when you pull on the ball end. Tail should be about 4 times longer than your finished edge. (If you like math: needle diameter in mm X 3.14(pi) X number of sts to cast on, + 150 for tail. If you want this in inches, divide by 25.4.)



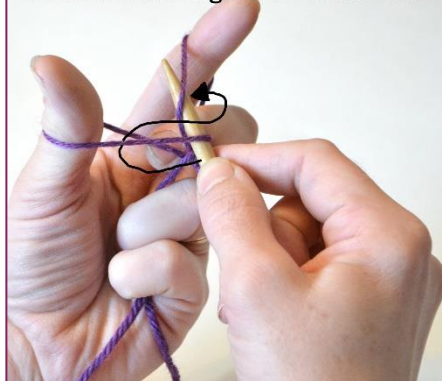
2. Loop tail ends around your thumb and forefinger with tails held in palm by remaining fingers. Yarn tail should be over index finger.



3. Hook needle behind yarn on outside of thumb.



4. Then hook needle around yarn on inside of index finger from the outside.



5. Use needle to pull yarn back through loop on thumb. Keep taut.



6. Release loop on thumb and pick up trailing yarn in a single motion, then pull stitch tight on needle.



7. Repeat these steps until you have the desired number of stitches. Keep a little space between stitches as you tighten.

