

# HOW TO KNIT i-CORD

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## YARN + NOTIONS

### Needles:

- Two 3.25mm (US 3) double pointed needles (DPNs)

### Notions:

- A darning or tapestry needle to sew the knitted pieces together

### Yarn:

-  **Orange:** Less than 50g of 4-ply yarn



## KNITTED LACES

To make your shoelaces, knit two i-cord pieces the same length as your regular shoelaces, then bind off. Weave in any yarn tails, and then thread onto your boots.

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## WHAT IS i-CORD

i-cord is a knitted cord or tube that is often used for decoration.

i-cord is made using two double pointed needles (DPNs), but it is not knitted in the round. You only use two DPNs, and slide the knitted piece from one end of the needle to the other as you knit each row.

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i-cord is usually made on 3, 4 or 5 stitches. The more stitches, the wider the finished tube. The tutorial shows i-cord made on 3 stitches, but the same method is used for any number of stitches.

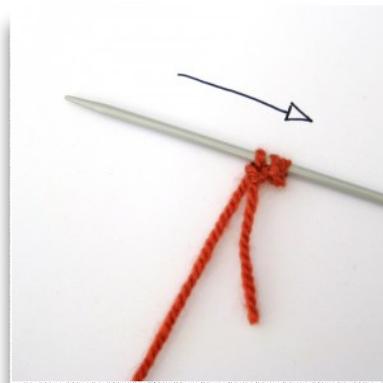
### Step 1

Cast on 3 stitches on one DPN. With the cast on stitches on the left needle, knit one row using the other DPN as your right needle (as in regular knitting). You will now have 3 stitches knitted on the left-hand end of the right needle.



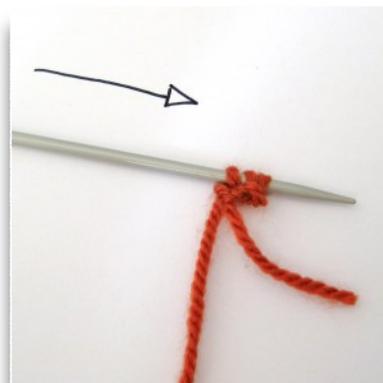
### Step 2

At this point in regular knitting you would turn the work. To make i-cord you do not turn. Now slide the stitches from the left-hand end of the needle to the right-hand end of the needle (as shown by the arrow in the picture) before knitting the next row.



### Step 3

Now take the needle with the stitches on in your left hand. The working yarn is at the left-hand end of the needle (not the right-hand end as it would be with regular knitting).



### Step 4

Insert the right-hand needle into the first stitch on the left-hand needle as if to knit (from front to back).



Knit the first stitch on the left-hand needle, pulling the working yarn up firmly behind the stitches (at the back of the work). This pull will bring the edges of the knitted piece together to form a tube. Ensure your first stitch is tight, otherwise the finished i-cord may look baggy. Knit the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> stitches as normal. You should now have 3 stitches knitted on your right-hand needle, and the working yarn will be at the left-hand end of the needle.

### Next steps

Repeat steps 2, 3 and 4 for a few rows, sliding the knitted stitches from one end of the needle to the other before knitting each row. Then pull down gently on the cast on edge at the bottom of the cord, as this helps to form a neat tube. Once your i-cord is the desired length, cut the yarn and thread through the stitches on the needle, and pull tightly to bind off.