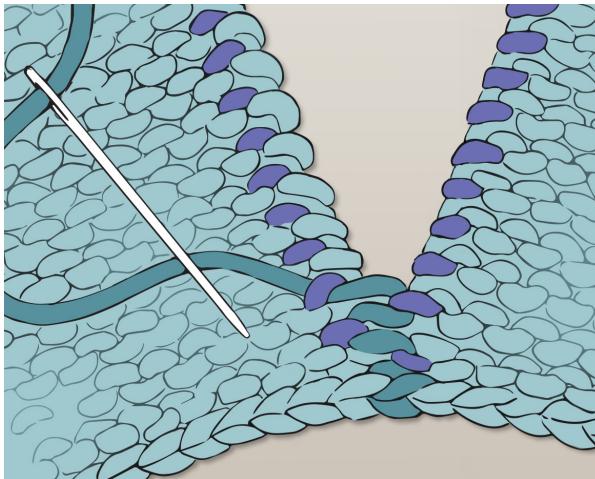




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seaming garter stitch

In garter stitch fabric, each ridge is composed of two sets of purl bumps. The top-most ones turn downwards like umbrellas, and the bottom ones turn upwards like smiles. To seam garter fabric, you'll join a column of umbrellas on one edge to a column of smiles on the other.



Arrange the work so that the edges to be seamed are side-by-side, right sides facing. Thread the existing tail onto a yarn needle, pass it under both legs of the first bound-off stitch on the other edge, then bring it back through the stitch that it comes from, joining the two edges of the work.

Now select a column of smiles on one edge, and umbrellas on the other. For a more secure seam, make sure that one of the columns is right on the edge of the fabric, and the other is one stitch in from the edge.

Begin by inserting the needle, from bottom to top, into the first smile. Pull the yarn through, then insert the needle into the corresponding umbrella on the other side, going in from the bottom and out the top.

Continue in this fashion, weaving the yarn back and forth from smile to umbrella, as you work your way up the seam. Pull the yarn gently to snug up the stitches, matching the tension of the joined pieces.