

# TUBULAR BIND-OFF PHOTO TUTORIAL

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## MATERIALS

Scissors  
Tapestry needle

## ABBREVIATIONS

K: knit  
P: purl  
RS: right side  
WS: wrong side

This technique works with [K1, P1] ribbing.

To work this bind-off flat, omit marking the first 2 stitches, and simply work the 4-step bind-off process with all live stitches. See *adjustment for working [K2, P2] ribbing*.

Binding off takes 4 steps. Each time the 4 steps are worked, 2 stitches are bound off. Process the stitches by first working the knit stitches and then working the purl stitches.

**Set-up:** Mark the first 2 stitches of the round with locking stitch markers as shown here. When 2 live stitches remain, place these marked stitches back on the needle and use them to finish working Steps 2 & 4 of this bind-off.

Interested in seeing this process in a video? <https://youtu.be/t9lkht5YxRw>



**Step 1: Insert darning needle knitwise into 1st stitch on the left needle (a knit stitch), pull it through, and drop it off the needle.**



**Step 2: Insert darning needle purlwise into the 2nd stitch on the left needle (a knit stitch), pull yarn through, and leave stitch on the needle.**



**Step 3: Insert darning needle purlwise into 1st stitch on the left needle (a purl stitch), pull yarn through, and drop it off the needle.**



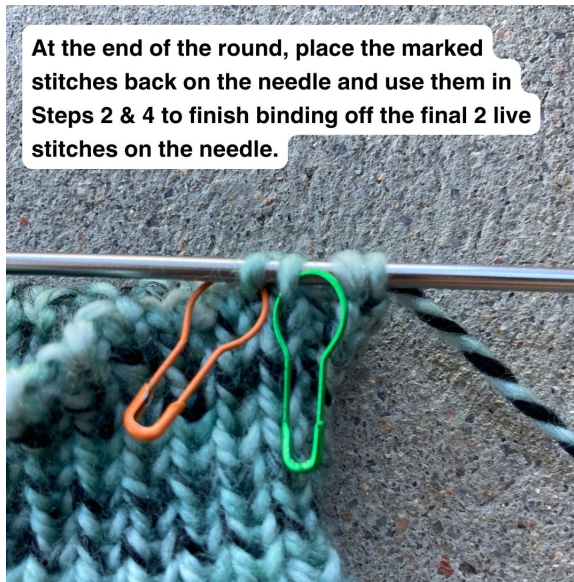
**Step 4: Insert darning needle from back to front between the 1st and 2nd stitches on the left needle, then bring darning needle through the 2nd stitch on the left needle knitwise (a purl stitch), pull yarn through, and leave stitch on the left needle.**



*This photo illustrates the second part of Step 4.*



At the end of the round, place the marked stitches back on the needle and use them in Steps 2 & 4 to finish binding off the final 2 live stitches on the needle.



When only 2 live stitches remain, place the marked stitches back on the needle. Use these stitches along with the final 2 live stitches for the 4 steps. After working the final Steps 2 & 4, these marked stitches can be removed from the needle, and the markers can be removed from the work. Weave in ends, block, and enjoy!

\*If your piece is in [K2, P2] ribbing, adjust the stitches to achieve a [K1, P1] rib by replacing the final working row / round with these steps.

**[K2, P2] ONLY—Set-up on final WS row of the piece (for pieces worked flat) or final RS Round (for pieces worked in the round):**

1. Knit the first stitch.
2. Slip next stitch (knit stitch) off needle, holding to back of work.
3. Purl the next stitch from left needle.
4. Replace knit stitch on left needle, knit the stitch.
5. Purl the next stitch.

Repeat these 5 steps until all stitches have been worked, then continue with tubular bind-off.