

How to decrease

Decreasing is important for fitting garments and creating openings such as neckline and armholes.

Multiple decreases



At the start of a row

Work slip stitch over each stitch to be subtracted, then make the required turning chain to form a new edge stitch. Continue the row in pattern.



At the end of a row

Work in pattern until you reach the stitches to be decreased. Leave these stitches unworked, turn and then make the turning chain for the first stitch of the next row.

Joining new yarn



1

Before you pick up for the last time to make the last stitch of a row with the old colour, drop the old yarn and pick up the new on with your hook.



2

Pull the new yarn through to complete the old stitch. The working loop is now in the new colour. Before working the next stitch, make sure old yarn is kept to the wrong side of the fabric or carried along the tops of the next few stitches so it is encased.

Changing yarn mid-row

Add new yarn and colours

Create stripes, contrasts and texture by combining colour with different stitches.



Change the yarns as for joining, just before you complete the last stitch with the old colour. Pull up the float in the new colour evenly, making sure the old yarn is appropriately positioned.

