

## ICORD EDGE

An i-cord is a method for binding off that creates an attractive edge detail at the same time. This kind of edge is worked perpendicular to the final row of the work. Sometimes it's used to finish a sweater neckline, shawl, or blanket – it can be used to finish any edge!

First you will need to cast on the number of stitches that you want your i-cord edge to be (in width). I would suggest two, three, or four stitches. More than that might be too many to form a tidy i-cord; however, it will really depend on the weight of the yarn you're working with. For a thicker yarn, try fewer stitches, and for a thinner yarn, try more. For our purposes we will cast on 3 stitches.

### PATTERN:

Cast on 3 stitches...pick up one stitch from edge (4 stitches on needle) with left needle. Slip/slide the stitches to the right of the LH needle.

k2, k2tog-tbl – With the working yarn pulled behind the LH needle, pick up the RH needle, knit the first two stitches on the LH needle. Then, using the last 'extra' stitch and the stitch from the edge, knit these two together through back loops (k2tog-tbl). You do this by inserting the RH needle tip into the backs of the two stitches, forming a loop around that RH needle tip with the working yarn, drawing that loop through, and then dropping the two stitches off the LH needle at once. This decreases a single stitch, resulting in one stitch 'bound off'.

Slip/slide 3 sts back to left side of LH needle – Now all stitches are on the LH needle once more, and one stitch has been bound off.

Repeat steps for pattern, drawing the working yarn across the back of the two stitches each time; this forms the i-cord edge. Each time you repeat these steps, you decrease one of the live stitches, effectively binding off a single stitch.