

3-Needle Bind Off

This bind off is often used when you want to create a rolled hem at the bottom edge of a sweater (which I show here with the wrong sides of the fabric together). You could also bind off the new set of live stitches you create simultaneously to create a decorative line of stitches on the top of a shoulder, or, if you bind off on the inside (with right sides together), to close everything off neatly without seaming.

Good for: rolled hems, or, if you combine with Basic Bind Off, finishing shoulders and hoods, and closing hatbands.

You can see this tutorial online (including an instructional video) here: www.talenawinters.com/3-needle-bind-off

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1. Start with two sets of live stitches. The needle ends you are binding off from should be on the right side, your working yarn coming from the front.



For the sample, I'll be doing a partial three-needle bind off, like for a rolled hem.



2. Hold both needles beside each other. If your first stitch is a knit, the yarn should come up the back. If it's a purl, bring it up the front.



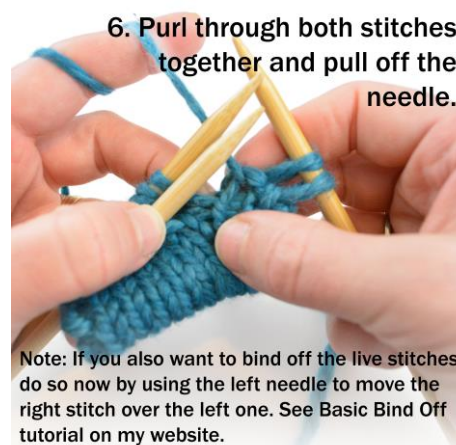
3. For knit stitch, insert needle into the front stitch knitwise, then the back stitch knitwise.



4. Knit through both stitches at once, then pull off the needles.



5. For purl stitch, insert needle into the back stitch purlwise, then the front stitch purlwise.



6. Purl through both stitches together and pull off the needle.



7. Continue until all stitches have been worked. The k1, p1 bind off shown here would be good for ribbing or seed stitch.

Note: If you also want to bind off the live stitches, do so now by using the left needle to move the right stitch over the left one. See Basic Bind Off tutorial on my website.