

Dramatic Dropped Stitches

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Dropped stitches can be a Good Thing. Intentionally dropped stitches can create a light and airy fabric with very little effort. Learn an assortment of dropped stitches and see how they can be used to lighten up your knitting. Students should have some experience working stitch patterns.

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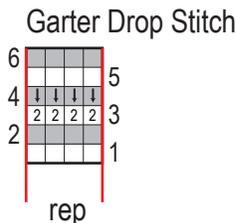
ABBREVIATIONS

k: knit
kw2: knit, wrapping yarn 2 times around the needle
kw3: knit, wrapping yarn 3 times around the needle
LH: left-hand
p: purl.
p5tog: purl 5 sts together
rep: repeat
RH: right-hand
wyib: with yarn in back
wyif: with yarn in front
yo: yarn over

Elongated Stitches

Garter Drop Stitch (any multiple)

Rows 1-2: Knit.
Row 3: Kw2 across.
Row 4: Knit, dropping extra wraps.
Row 5-6: Knit.
 Rep Rows 1-6 for Garter Drop Stitch.

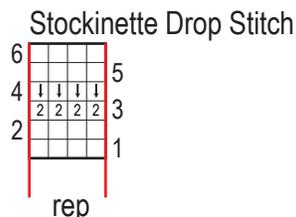


Garter Drop Stitch with Selvedge (any multiple)

Rows 1-4: Knit.
Row 5: (K1, turn) twice, k1; kw2 to last st, (k1, turn) twice, k1.
Row 6: Knit, dropping extra wraps.
 Rep Rows 1-6 for Garter Drop Stitch with selvedge.

Stockinette Drop Stitch (any multiple)

Rows 1 (RS): Knit.
Row 2: Purl.
Row 3: Kw2 across.
Row 4: Purl, dropping extra wraps.
Row 5: Knit.
Row 6: Purl.
 Rep Rows 1-6 for Stockinette Drop Stitch.



Twisted Drop Stitch (any multiple)

Rows 1 and 3 (RS): Knit.
Rows 2 and 4: Purl.
Row 5: Knit across, wrapping yarn around both needles once, then around RH needle once more.
Row 6: Purl.
 Rep Rows 1-6 for Twisted Drop Stitch.

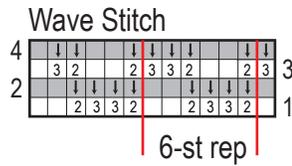
Double Twisted Drop Stitch (any multiple)

Rows 1 and 3 (RS): Knit.
Rows 2 and 4: Purl.
Rows 5 and 6: Knit across, wrapping yarn around both needles once, then around RH needle once more.
 Rep Rows 1-6 for Double Twisted Drop Stitch.



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Varied Height Stitches



Wave Stitch (multiple of 6 + 1)

Row 1 (RS): K1, *kw2, (kw3) twice, kw2, k2; rep from *.

Row 2: Knit, dropping extra wraps.

Row 3: Kw3, *kw2, k2, kw2, (kw3) twice; rep from * to last 6 sts, kw2, k2, kw2, kw3, k1.

Row 4: Knit, dropping extra wraps.

Rep Rows 1-4 for Wave Stitch.



Seafoam Pattern (multiple of 10 + 6)

Rows 1 and 2: Knit.

Row 3: K6, *[yo] 2 times, k1, [yo] 3 times, k1, [yo] 4 times, k1, [yo] 3 times, k1, [yo] 2 times, k6; rep from * across.

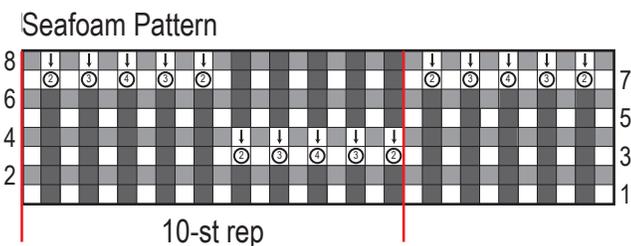
Row 4: Knit, dropping all yos.

Rows 5 and 6: Knit.

Row 7: K1, *[yo] 2 times, k1, [yo] 3 times, k1, [yo] 4 times, k1, [yo] 3 times, k1, [yo] 2 times, k6; rep from * to last st, ending last rep k1 instead of k6.

Row 8: Knit, dropping all yos.

Rep Rows 1-8 for Seafoam Pattern.



Manipulated Stitches

*Simple Cross Stitch (multiple of 6)

Rows 1-4: Knit.

Row 5: *Kw3; rep from *

Row 6: *Sl 6 wyib as to purl, dropping extra wraps. Using tip of LH needle, pass first 3 sts over last 3 sts. Return all 6 sts to LH needle; k6; rep from *.

Repeat Rows 1-6 for Simple Cross Stitch.



Little Bows Stitch (multiple of 10 plus 7)

Row 1 (RS): Knit.

Row 2: K3, *yo3, k1, yo3, k9; rep from *, end last rep k3 instead of k9.

Row 3: K3, *drop 3 yos, k1, drop 3 yos, k9; rep from *, end last rep k3.

Tie bows: Insert point of free needle into each pair of loops and pull up snugly to take out slack between and on either side of these 2 loops. Tie each pair of loops tog in a firm square knot.

Rows 4-6: Knit.

Repeat Rows 1-6 for Little Bows Stitch.

Laddered Stitches

Basic Laddered Stitch (any multiple)

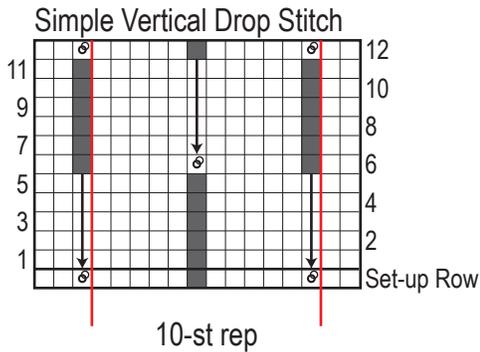
Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: Knit.

Work for desired length. *BO desired number of stitches, drop next st off LH needle, k1, (sl st back to LH needle, k1) enough times to bridge gap; rep from * to drop desired stitches. Allow stitches to ladder down to cast-on row.



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Simple Vertical Drop-Stitch (multiple of 10 plus 4)

Set-Up Row (RS): K2, *yo, k10; rep from * to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Row 1 and all WS rows: Purl.

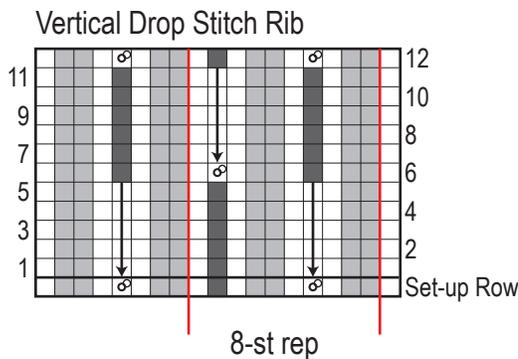
Rows 2 and 4: Knit.

Row 6: K2, *drop next st off needle and unravel down to yo, k5, yo, k5; rep from * to last 3 sts, drop and unravel next st, k2.

Rows 8 and 10: Knit.

Row 12: K2, *yo, k5, drop and unravel next st, k5; rep from * to last 2 sts, yo, k2.

Repeat Rows 1-12 for Simple Vertical Drop



Vertical Drop Stitch Rib (multiple of 8 + 1)

Set-Up Row (RS): K1, p2, k1, yo, k1, *p2, k2, p2, k1, yo, k1; rep from * to last 3 sts, p2, k1.

Rows 1, 3 and 5 (RS): P1, k2, *p3, k2, p2, k2; rep from * to last 6 sts, p3, k2, p1.

Rows 2 and 4: K1, p2, k3, *p2, k2, p2, k3; rep from * to last 3 sts, p2, k1.

Row 6: K1, p2, k1, drop next st off needle and unravel down to yo, k1, *p2, k1, yo, k1, p2, k1, drop 1, k1; rep from * to last 3 sts, p2, k1.

Rows 7, 9 and 11: P1, k2, *p2, k2, p3, k2; rep from * to last 5 sts, p2, k2, p1.

Rows 8 and 10: K1, p2, k2, *p2, k3, p2, k2; rep from * to last 3 sts, p2, k1.

Row 12: K1, p2, k1, yo, k1, *p2, k1, drop 1, k1, p2, k1, yo, k1; rep from * to last 3 sts, p2, k1.

Rep Rows 1-12 for Vertical Drop Stitch Rib.

Advanced Patterns

Belamine Lace Pattern (multiple of 13 plus 2)

NOTE: Drop all extra wraps on subsequent rows.

Rows 1-2: Knit.

Row 3: K1, *kw3; rep from * to last st, k1.

Row 4: K1, *sl 3 as to purl, return to LH needle, yarn forward, insert RH needle as to purl through back of strands of all 3 loops, (p1, k1, p1, k1, p1, k1) into these 3 loops together before slipping them from LH needle, sl 7, return sts to LH needle and purl tog, yarn back, sl 3, return to LH needle, insert RH needle as to knit into front of strands of all 3 loops, (k1, p1, k1, p1, k1, p1) into these loops; rep from * to last st, k1.

Rows 5-8: Knit.

Row 9: Kw3 across row.

Row 10: Knit.

Repeat Rows 1-10 for Belamine Lace Pattern.





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Lacy Seashell Pattern (multiple of 10 + 1)

Rows 1 and 2: Knit.

Row 3: *K1, (yo, k1) twice, (kw2) 5 times, (k1, yo) twice; rep from * to last st, k1.

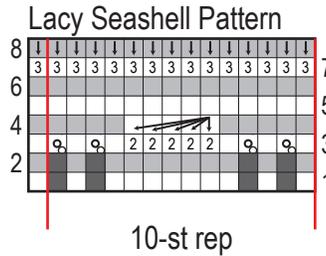
Row 4: *K5, slip 5 as to purl, dropping extra loops, return these 5 sts to LH needle, p5tog, k4; rep from * to last st, k1.

Rows 5-6: Knit.

Row 7: Kw3 across.

Row 8: Knit, dropping extra wraps.

Rep Rows 1-8 for Lacy Seashell Pattern.



Lacy Bows (multiple of 11, 2 colors MC & CC)

Rows 1 and 2: With MC, knit.

Row 3: With double strand of CC, Knit.

Row 4: K5, *kw3, k1, kw3, k10; rep from *, end last rep k5. Cut CC.

Row 5: With MC, knit, dropping extra wraps.

Tie Bows: Insert needle into pair of loops and pull tightly, rep for each pair. Tie each pair of loops tog in a firm square knot.

Rows 6-8: Knit.

Row 9: *Kw3; rep from *.

Row 10: Knit, dropping extra wraps.

Repeat Rows 1-10 for Lacy Bows.



KEY

- k on RS, p on WS
- k on RS, p on WS, wrapping yarn the number of times indicated
- p on RS, k on WS
- no stitch
- yo
- yarnover, wrapping yarn the number of times indicated
- drop stitch from needle, allow to ladder
- On WS, sl 4 w/lt as to purl, dropping extra wraps; pass first 4 sts over last 4 sts; return all sts to LH needle; k1
- On WS, sl 4 w/lt as to purl, dropping extra wraps; pass first 2 sts over last 2 sts; return all sts to LH needle; k1
- On WS, sl 5 as to purl with yarn in front, dropping extra loops; return sts to LH needle; p5tog