



## Welcome and Swatch Guidelines

Welcome to Knit Witch's Guides to Curse Free Knitting! We are so pleased you have chosen us to help you to learn the wonderful (and addictive) skill of knitting. You have purchased a lesson that gives you the benefit of easy to understand instructions with color photos, interaction with the instructor and the opportunity to have your actual work evaluated by the instructor. It's like a knitting class without having to leave your home!

We created these online lessons because we felt there was a bit of a gap in the knitting community. Not everyone lives in an area that is convenient to a local yarn store so attending classes isn't necessarily easy for everyone. Also, many people have busy schedules with work and children and husbands and pets and all kinds of other stuff going on that makes taking time for a 1-2 hour class difficult. With the online lessons, you are able to work at your own pace, have access to an instructor for questions AND have some friendly feedback about your work. The lessons are designed so that you can demonstrate your work and have any problems or potential problems identified so that your projects will go more smoothly.



All the topics that you see marked with this symbol have a corresponding video. Most are on the website at [www.knitwitch.com](http://www.knitwitch.com) but not all. Click on the title link and it will take you directly to the video. This should help to make the steps easier to understand.



This symbol is a "Knit Witch hint" and is meant to assist you in avoiding pitfalls.



This symbol is for "avoiding a meltdown" which means you must pay careful attention to this tip or you could have disastrous results in your knitting.

Each lesson has been designed to be completed in about a 1-2 week period but you may go through each lesson as quickly or as slowly as you would like. There are no deadlines. You may move onto another lesson anytime you feel that you



are ready. When you mail in your swatches, we will be looking to see if you have met the following criteria:

- Were you able to follow the written instructions?
- Did you perform the technical maneuvers so that they appear correctly in your knitting?
- Do your stitches look even and are you comfortable with your tension (yarn tension, not life tension)?
- Did you understand and answer the questions associated with the swatch?
- Did you understand your knitting and why you were performing a stitch technique a certain way?
- Have you followed the guidelines for all of your swatch submissions (please see below)

Your swatches will be mailed back to you with a detailed evaluation of each swatch discussing things that you did well in your swatch and things that might need a little more practice. If you take the time to master the skills that are involved in knitting, you will be much more pleased when you turn out that beautiful sweater you want to make for someone special! Don't get me wrong, knitting isn't all about swatches and it should be FUN! It is not our intention to bog you down with swatches because we know you want to get to those fun projects you have in mind! However, I don't think you want to have to complete an entire sweater and then have to mail it in for evaluation. The swatches are an easy way for us to look at your knitting skills and give you the benefit of instructor feedback, something valuable that you won't get from any book out there on the market.

So, sit back, relax and get ready to start learning more about the world of knitting! We hope you will find great information, great learning and some humor to help you get through! Please enjoy and feel free to email any questions regarding the lessons to us at [theknitwitch@gmail.com](mailto:theknitwitch@gmail.com). Also, we would really like to hear about our students so please feel free to let us know who you are, how long you have been knitting, what you like to knit, what you are looking to learn, what types of books or resources you have and any other information that will help us get to know you! Good luck and happy knitting!

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## Instructions for All Swatches

- Work all swatches with size 7, 8 or 9 needles or size H hook
- Use only light colored, worsted weight, PLAIN yarn (such as Lion Brand Wool Ease) so that your stitches are easily visible
- Work each swatch EXACTLY as it is written without adding or removing any elements
- Block all swatches according to the label instructions
- Weave in all ends (not necessary for Getting Started with Knit and Purl and The Basics of Crochet)
- Label each swatch in the upper left hand corner with the swatch number and a brief description – you can safety pin the label into place
- Answer all the questions that go with each swatch
- Place your **name, mailing address and email address** on the answers and place your answers and your swatches in a plastic sleeve (the kind you put into a binder) and mail to the following address: **Knit Witch 1421 Edinburgh Drive Tucker, GA 30084**
- Please finish all the swatches in the lesson and send them together
- If you have purchased several lessons you may wait to finish all of the lessons and mail all of the swatches in together if you wish, or you may mail each lesson as it is completed
- Each swatch should represent your very best work so work the swatch until you are satisfied that you have done your best
- Swatches may be sent back to you to be reworked if the above conditions are not met or if there are certain elements of the lesson that you could benefit from reworking based on your sample
- The student is responsible for postage for the mailing of materials to the instructor and the instructor will cover the postage for sending the swatches and the evaluation back to the student
- The student is responsible for furnishing all required supplies (such as yarn, needles, notions, etc) themselves