

# Smooth SSKs

## Flat Hungry Stitch Swatch

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This method of knitting smooth SSKs is based on **Cat Bordhi**'s hungry stitch which she demonstrates on circular knitting in this video—<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMHXK3JxrJA>.

Follow these step-by-step directions to learn how to knit smooth SSKs. You will be decreasing 1 stitch on each side using Smooth SSK and K2 tog.

### Materials

US 8 straight needles or size of your choice

Small amount of smooth, light-color, dk or worsted weight yarn.



Note: Always slip stitches as if to purl.

Cast on 24 sts.

Row 1: K.

Row 2: P.

Row 3: K.

Row 4: P 22 sts, sl 1, p1.

Row 5: K1, sl 1, bring the short bar of “old” yarn through the stitch that was slipped on the purl side and place on right-hand needle, ssk, k16 sts, k2tog, k2. (Figures 1 and 2)

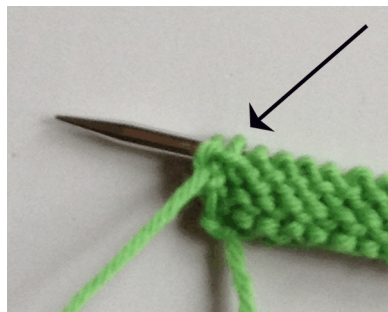


Figure 1



Figure 2

Row 6: Purl until 2 sts remain (you will have purlled 20 sts)

\*The next step is easiest to do from the knit side. Turn the work to the knit side. Bring the short bar of “old” yarn through the stitch you would have purlled (second to the last stitch). Place this stitch on the left-hand needle; you will not be purling it. Be sure the stitch is mounted correctly. Return to the purl side and purl the last stitch.\*

Row 7: K1, sl the next st (2<sup>nd</sup> st in this example), bring the short bar of “old” yarn through the stitch that was slipped on the purl side and place on right-hand needle, ssk, k14 sts, k2tog, k2. (Figures 1 and 2)

Row 8: Purl until 2 sts remain, repeat between \*\*.

Repeat Rows 7 and 8, knitting 2 sts less between decreases on the knit rows until 10 stitches remain.

Row 9: K.

Row 10: P.

Bind off.