

MENDING BROKEN STITCHES

This is done with one of the needles of the machine, either in the machine or after the work is out. The needle is used as a crochet needle; you hook it in the dropped stitch and push it far enough through to bring the stitch below the latch; then draw it back, catching the next cross thread above, in the hook above the latch; continue to draw the needle back until a new stitch is formed; proceed in this way until all the dropped stitches are knit in. If the mending is done out of the machine, you will tie the dropped stitch with a short piece of yarn and draw the ends inside the web.

When reversing the machine with work on, always lift up at least twenty needles at the back and turn the machine until the raised needles are over the cam. After reversing, if you wish to continue to knit, the raised needles must all be put down again. When reversing the machine without work, pull up eight or ten needles just as they come out of the cam, so they will pass over the cam instead of under.

The stitch can be lengthened, and the work made open by loosening the screw at H and pushing the cam B down. Or if the cam is raised, the work will be tighter. For coarse yarn put the cam down. For fine yarn, raise the cam.

The TAKE-UP SPRING A should never be used except when knitting backward or forward, such as knitting the heel or thumb, or similar work.

TO KNIT MITTENS

Large size: Set up the work and knit the wrist ribbed, same as stocking. Put in all the needles and knit about 14 rounds plain. When you are ready for the thumb, knit backward and forward on 24 needles about 40 times for the thumb. This forms a strip. Close off the point the same as a small stocking and run the needles out. Now on those 24 needles just run out, place 12 stitches from each selvage edge of the thumb, beginning close down to the hand. When those 24 stitches (12 on each side) are on, then proceed to knit around about 45 times for the hand. Close off the same as toe of socks. Close the point of the thumb with a needle.

CHILDREN'S MITTS are knit flat web, same as small stockings. Use enough needles to make the mitt the size you want. Rib the wrist, knit the hand and form the thumb in the middle of the web by knitting a strip backwards and forwards say on 16 needles. Knit backward and forward 30 times, then narrow off the end of the thumb down to two stitches, by throwing the selvage on the next needle, but do not widen again. Run the needles all out of the thumb, and close the point with a darning needle. Now take the selvage stitches (8 from each side of the thumb thus knit), beginning close down at the bottom and put them on the 16 empty needles. Loop the yarn over a needle and proceed to knit around and