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Welcome to another issue of Bond Buzz!

Welcome summer! The gardens are in full bloom and the weather is nearly perfect! And speaking of perfect, there's also nothing more perfect than a summer throw to use when the evenings bring on a bit of chill (well, at least in Vermont they do). So we have one for this issue – plus a very unique vest that can be worn multiple ways. Try it using the stripes as Kathy Perry has done, or just make a solid one.

Tips & Techniques . . .

Drop Stitch Lace

Since I've heard from a number of Bond/Sweater Machine owners about how Country works so well on the machine, I thought you'd enjoy getting two patterns using this new yarn, one for the featured project, a [Drop Stitch Vest](#), and the other, a Drop Stitch Summer Throw. So let's get right to this issue's featured technique, Drop Stitch Lace.

Drop Stitch Lace Pattern

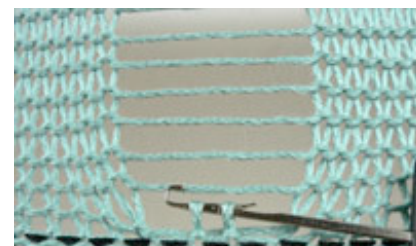
While this isn't really lace, when you drop down stitches that are just 2 or 3 stitches apart, it almost looks like lace.

How this works is two stitches are dropped down and latched up catching 2 "ladders" together to form a big, loose rib. It is easiest to work an even number of rows and latch up approx every 30-40 rows. Note that the purl side is the right side.

- Cast on the required number of stitches called for in the pattern and knit the number of rows specified.
- Starting from the left end, select the 5th & 6th needles and then every following 9th & 10th needle.
- Starting from the left, drop down the first 2 sts selected to above the first "bumps" after the CO.



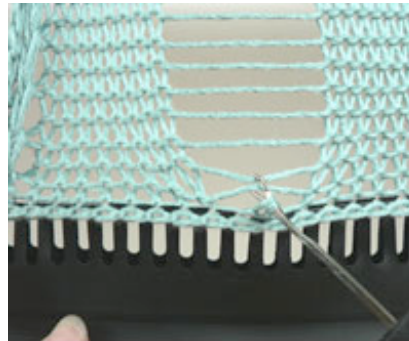
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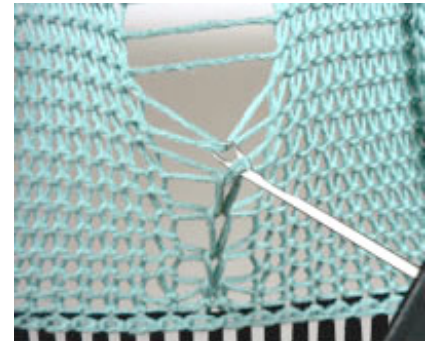


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- Using the latch tool, hold the 2 sts and latch up, catching 2 "ladders" at a time, forming a large rib.

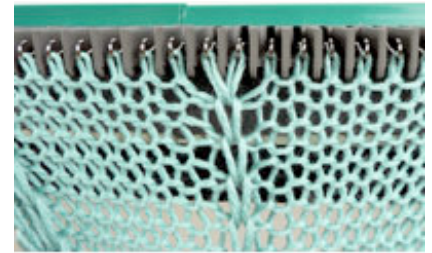


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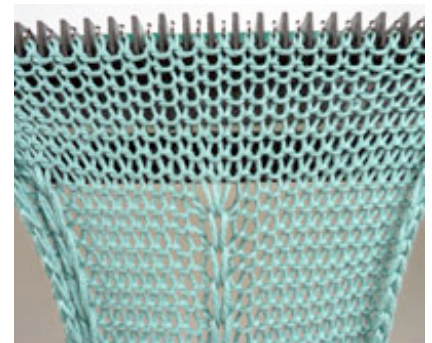
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- Hang sts back on empty needles.



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- Cont across working ea set of 2 sts. This is what the 2 sts will look like in the center of your work and before you have dropped and latched them up.



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DROP STITCH SUMMER THROW

designed by Kathy Perry



INTERMEDIATE

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

approx 48" x 52"/122 cm x 132 cm



YARN

[NaturallyCaron.com Country](#) (25% Merino Wool, 75% Microdenier Acrylic, 3oz/85g, 185yds/170m): #0003 Soft Sunshine (A) 6 balls, #0015 Deep Taupe (B) 2 balls, #0002 Coral Lipstick (C) 2 balls.



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KEY PLATE

USM/ISM KP#2 or appropriate tension to obtain gauge
Suitable for USM/ISM/Bond Classic or 6.5 to 9 mm knitting machine

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Yarn needle

Optional: Crochet hook I/9 (5.5 mm) for crochet edge

GAUGE

In Drop stitch lace pattern, 18 sts and 22 rows = 4"/10 cm

STITCHES USED

Drop stitch lace

NEEDLES REQUIRED: 70**THROW****SIDE PANELS (make 2)**

- Using Chain CO Method and A, CO 70. COR. RC=000.
- Work to RC=292 using Drop stitch lace pattern. (You will have 7 large ribs in panel.)
- Bind off (Chain).

CENTER PANEL (make 1)

- Using Chain CO Method and A, CO 70. COR. RC=000.
- Work to RC=024 using Drop stitch lace pattern. (You will have 7 large ribs in panel.)
- Change to B, cont with Drop stitch lace pattern and start stripe pattern: Rep 4 R B and 4 R C to RC=268 (end with 4 R B). NOTE: Carry the color not in use up the side.
- Change to A and cont in Drop stitch lace pattern to RC=292.
- Bind off (Chain).

FINISHING

- Sew side panels to center panel. Long outside edges will roll in naturally and need no finishing.
- Weave in ends.
- Optional: Add crochet edge to top and bottom if desired. Using 2 strands of C tog, work sc into rolled edge, ch 4, * work 1 sc between large ribs, ch 4, work 3 sc in large rib, ch 4*, rep from * to *, end 1 sc between large ribs, ch 4, and 1 sc in rolled edge. Weave in ends.

Enjoy July! (I thought I'd share with you a way-cute photo of my 2 nieces, bottom to top, Emmaline, June and my granddaughter, Hazel.) Summer fun with the kids!

See you next time!

Happy Knitting!



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