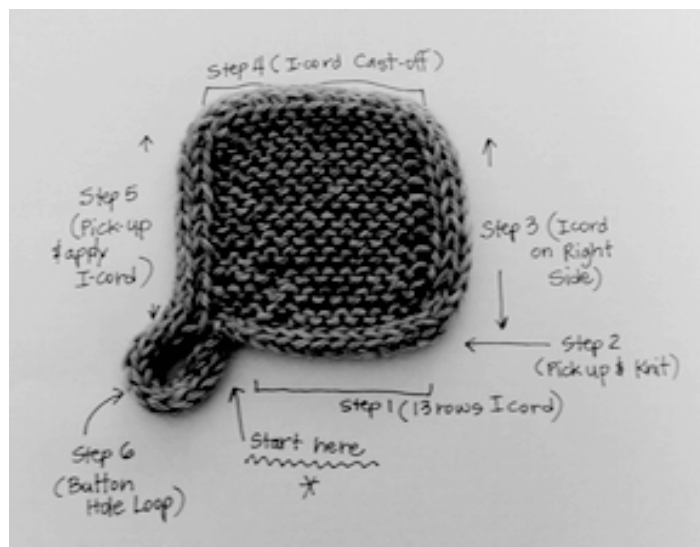


**“I-CORD Mug-Rug”**  
**I-CORD SWATCH from Elizabeth Zimmerman’s “Knitting Around”**  
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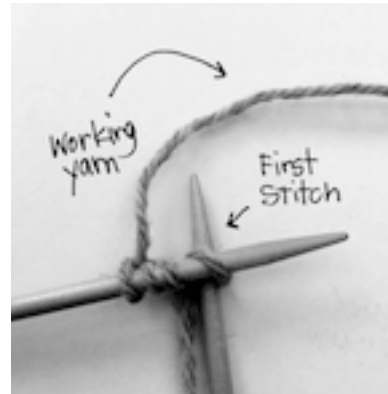
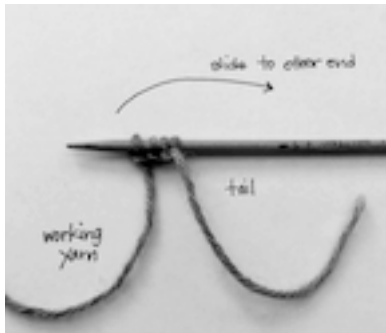
You will knit a garter stitch swatch with an I-cord edging on all four sides and a loop at one corner. Each side of your swatch will feature a slightly different method of applying I-cord to your work. Materials: Worsted Weight yarn and size 7 or 8 needles (DPNs preferred)

1. Make a 4 stitch I-cord, working the same number of rounds as the number of stitches desired in the center section plus one ( $12 + 1 = 13$ ). You can use an e-cast on or a provisional cast-on (A provisional cast-on allows you to graft I-cord at the loop). **See instructions.**
2. Pick up and knit one stitch for every round of I-cord, skipping the round closest to the needle. You now have 16 stitches on your needle ( $4 + 12 = 16$ ).
3. Beginning with row 2 (a wrong side row), work back and forth in garter stitch as follows:  
**Row 1 (RS):** Knit all stitches, turn.  
**Row 2 (WS):** Knit to within the last 4 stitches. With yarn in front, slip the last 4 stitches purl wise, turn.
4. Bind off in I-cord, until only the 4 I-cord stitches remain. **See instructions.**
5. Working down the left edge of work (the only remaining un-corded side), pick up but do not knit the knot at the very end of each garter ridge, adding these stitches to the needle containing your I-cord stitches. After picking up these stitches, slide to the other end of the needle and begin to work as for the I-cord bind-off, binding off one of these new stitches with each round of your I-cord. Continue until only the 4 I-cord stitches remain.
6. Knit 10-12 rounds in I-cord to form the Buttonhole Loop. If you cast on stitches with an e cast on, cut yarn, leaving enough length to thread through remaining stitches. Pull yarn through remaining stitches and weave in (If you used a provisional cast on, graft your loop stitches to your cast on stitches.).



### Make a 4 stitch I-cord:

1. Cast on 4 stitches using e-wrap cast-on and a double-pointed needle. (You may use a provisional cast on if you plan to graft later).



2. After casting on, your last cast-on stitch should be on the left end of your needle. Slide all stitches to the right end of the double-pointed needle. (If you are using circular or straight needles, slide all stitches purl wise onto your second needle so that the first cast-on stitch is ready to be worked).
3. Knit across this row. DO NOT TURN work at the end of the row.
4. Slide stitches to the right end of your needle (using DPNs). If using straight or circular needles, slide all stitches purl wise to the other needle.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 until the I-cord is desired length, and then bind off.
6. Alternatively, you can leave your I-cord stitches live and continue to knit them as an applied edge.

### Bind Off in I-cord:

1. Cast on 4 stitches by e-wrap method. (If you are starting with an I-cord on the right edge of your work, then begin with step 2).
2. K3, slip 1 as if to knit, knit the next live stitch, PSSO (one stitch cast off).
3. Slip purl wise the 4 stitches just worked back onto the left needle.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until 4 stitches remain.
5. Cut yarn, leaving enough length to thread through remaining stitches. Pull yarn through remaining stitches and weave in.

