

Sand and Sea Guild March 2018 – program by Jill Borders

## **Knitting Intarsia in the Round – 3 ways**

### **1. “festive knitting” or Armenian Knitting**

The first way to knit an intarsia motif in the round... is to not use intarsia! Carry your contrasting yarn around the circumference of your knitting, capturing the long float at regular intervals. You will get some color blips showing through the fabric and there is the risk of pulling your carrying yarn too tightly along the back and causing the fabric to pull in or pucker.

Knitting Daily video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C3mWoHIVVlo>

See also Meg Swansen and Mary Thomas

### **2. Short rows method of Intarsia in the Round**

The most common version of intarsia in the round, is to continue to work flat, but use short row techniques to connect the rows into a tube. You will still need to work back and forth. There will be a visible turning “seam”, but otherwise straight-forward.

Intarsia in the Round video by Julia Farwell-Clay: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v2lu8fkoBuc>

Another: <http://www.oharethey.com/blog/intarsia-in-the-round-techniques>

You can do a similar technique for garter stitch in the round with no purling:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45p2jKYUmlc>

### **3. The Most Seamless Technique (but most confusing!)**

This way of knitting in the round, still involves purling on the back side, but the seam is at the edge of a color block and is practically invisible. The method can be confusing at first and your yarn can get tangled with mistakes, but the final result is the best.

The most useful description of the three techniques (with no pictures though):

[http://explaiknit.typepad.com/let\\_me\\_explaiknit/2006/08/rock\\_around\\_the.html](http://explaiknit.typepad.com/let_me_explaiknit/2006/08/rock_around_the.html)

Donna Druchunas video Sheep to Shawl – with the best video description:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gW9fXgtRBA>

#### **4. Bonus techniques!**

Karen Frisa uses a slightly different technique, involving slipped stitches in Knitscene Summer 2018:

<https://www.interweave.com/article/knitting/intarsia-round-cube-socks/>

How to add small blips of color, with separate lengths of yarn, but working the rest of the piece in the round:

<http://asatricosa.com/intarsia/>