

## RUSSIAN JOIN

Thread the end of your working yarn in a fairly sharp yarn needle. Thread the end of the needle back through the core of the working yarn for a couple of inches (photo 1). Pull through, creating a loop in the end of your yarn. Thread the end of the new yarn into a needle. Pull this yarn through the loop at the end of the working yarn (photo 2), then thread the needle down through the new yarn for a couple of inches creating a loop in the new yarn connected to the working yarn (photo 3). Gently pull on the ends of both yarns to close the loops (photo 4). I leave the loose ends until after I block, especially with lace, to make sure that they are on the back of the garment. Then I trim to about ¼" to ½".

