



# Azalea & Rosebud Knits



## Basic Double Knitting Instructions

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Double Knitting creates a reversible fabric made up of two layers. It is thick and warm, a perfect choice for winter outerwear and blankets. It is not nearly as difficult as it appears, if you can knit and purl then you can work double knitting!

### ABBREVIATIONS:

CO: cast on  
k: knit  
p: purl  
rep: repeat  
RS: right side  
WS: wrong side

### NOTES:

For the purpose of this tutorial, I will refer to the side made of color A as the "Right Side" and the side made of color B the "Wrong Side". Both sides look equally nice, but this seems to be the easiest terminology to use.

### MATERIALS:

Two colors of yarn in the same weight, one light color (A) and one dark color (B).  
Appropriate needles for the weight of the yarn

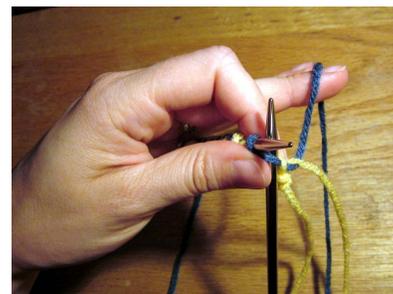
### DIRECTIONS:

#### Plain Double Knitting

Using color A, CO 20 sts. For my sample in the photos, I used a knitted cast on. Long tail, tubular, and backwards loop cast ons may all be used. Experiment and see what kind of edging you like best.

Row 1 (RS): \*with both yarns in back of work, k1 with color A. Bring both yarns between the needles to the front of the work and p1 with color B. Rep from \* to end of row.

Row 2 (WS): The first st is to be worked with color B. *Bring up color B underneath color A, effectively twisting the yarns. This is very important, it will create the closed edge at the side of the fabric.* \*With both yarns in back of work, k1 with color B. Bring both yarns between the needles to the front of the work and p1 with color A. Rep from \* to end of row.



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Continue working all rows of the chart. See below for photos of the Right Side and Wrong Side after all rows of the chart are worked.



### Binding Off

Simple Bind Off: Using color A, k1. \*k1, pass first st on right ndl over second st. Rep from \* until all sts are bound off.

K2tog Bind Off: Using color A, k2tog. \*k2tog, pass first st on right ndl over second st. Rep from \* until all sts are bound off.

Try both bind offs and see which one is more appealing to you. In the photo I used the Simple Bind Off.



Have fun experimenting with different stitch motifs! I hope this tutorial was helpful.

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