Magic Loop Method

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I’m a huge fan of the Magic Loop method. It allows you to knit in the round without using double-pointed needles or needing two circular needles. For those of you who aren’t familiar with it, here is how it works.

Using a 40” or longer circular needle (the more flexible the cable, the better), cast on the number of stitches called for in your pattern as you would normally.

Now, slide all the stitches to the center of the cable and find the center point so you can divide the stitches in half. Pull out the cable.

With the cast-on edge facing inward to avoid twisted stitches, get ready to knit in the round. But, before you start, slip the back needle out, so that about half the cable is sticking out to the left-hand side and the other half of the cable is sticking out to the right-hand side of the stitches.

Now, slide the stitches back up onto the needles, with half the stitches on the front needle and half the stitches on the back needle. The working yarn should come from the stitches on the back needle.

Now, with the working yarn over and behind the cable of the back needle, use the back needle to knit across the stitches on the front needle. (I generally place a marker about two or three stitches in so I know this is the beginning of my round.) Once you get to the end of the front needle, pull the cable so that all of the stitches are back on the needles, rather than hanging on the cables.
Turn your work around, pull the back needle out again as you did to start, and with the working yarn over and behind the cable of the back needle, knit across the second needle of stitches.

Ta-da! You’re Magic Looping! Now do this one billion times and you’ll be really comfortable with it.

If you’d like more information about the Magic Loop method, go to ShopMartingale.com/50-yards-extras.html for my video tutorial.