Provisional Cast On

The provisional cast on uses waste yarn and a crochet hook to create a cast on edge that is easily removable. This allows for stitches to be seamlessly picked up and worked from the cast on edge.

Set Up

Make a slip knot out of the waste yarn and place on the crochet hook, holding the hook in your right hand. Hold your knitting needle to be used to cast on in your left hand. Hold the crochet hook in front of the needle and bring the waste yarn under and to the back of the knitting needle.



Cast On

Reaching over the knitting needle with the crochet hook, use the hook to grab the waste yarn and bring the yarn forward and through the slip knot on the crochet hook. One stitch cast on and one loop remains on crochet hook.





The waste yarn will now lie in front of your knitting needle. Bring the yarn back between the needle and hook so that the yarn is behind the knitting needle.



Repeat the cast on steps until the desired number of stitches are cast on. To secure the waste yarn, keep the yarn in front and pull through the loop on the crochet hook without going around the knitting needle. Repeat 2-3 times, then break yarn and pull through the loop on the crochet hook. Cast on complete.



Start Knitting

To begin knitting, keep the needle with the waste yarn cast on in the left hand. Pick up the yarn to be the row in pattern.



Remove waste yarn

Once you are ready to remove the provisional cast on, find the end of the waste yarn that had been drawn through the last loop on the crochet hook. Pull the end back out through that loop so that the yarn is free to unravel. Unravel any extra chains until you reach the first stitch to be picked up.





Pick up this stitch from back to front with your knitting needle and pull out the waste yarn from that stitch. Continue picking up stitches and removing waste yarn in this manner until you have picked up all stitches. Make sure to pick up the last loop the waste yarn goes through. You are now ready to begin working stitches.







Provisional Cast On in the Round

The provisional cast on uses waste yarn and a crochet hook to create a cast on edge that is easily removable. This allows for stitches to be seamlessly picked up and worked from the cast on edge.

Set Up

Make a slip knot out of the waste yarn and place on the crochet hook, holding the hook in your right hand. Hold your knitting needle to be used to cast on in your left hand. Hold the crochet hook in front of the needle and bring the waste yarn under and to the back of the knitting needle.



Cast On

Reaching over the knitting needle with the crochet hook, use the hook to grab the waste yarn and bring the yarn forward and through the slip knot on the crochet hook. One stitch cast on and one loop remains on crochet hook.



The waste yarn will now lie in front of your knitting needle. Bring the yarn back between the needle and hook so that the yarn now is behind the knitting needle.



Repeat the cast on steps until the desired number of stitches are cast on. To secure the waste yarn, bring the yarn to front of the knitting needle and pull through the loop on the crochet hook without going around the knitting needle. Repeat 2-3 times, then break yarn and pull through the loop on the crochet hook. Cast on complete.



Start Knitting

To begin knitting, keep the needle with the waste yarn cast on in the left hand. You will not be joining in the round just yet. Pick up the yarn to be used for the project and work across the row in pattern. Work until end of the cast on, then place marker, and join to work in the round.



Remove waste yarn

Once you are ready to remove the provisional cast on, find the end of the waste yarn that had been drawn through the last loop on the crochet hook. Pull the end back out through that loop so that the yarn is free to unravel. Unravel any extra chains until you reach the first stitch to be picked up.



Pick up this stitch from back to front with your knitting needle and pull out the waste yarn from that stitch. Continue picking up stitches and removing waste yarn in this manner until you have picked up all stitches. You are now ready to begin working stitches.





