BUTTONLOOP

{a photo tutorial}

This tutorial will show you step by step how to add a perfectly adorable button loop to the finished edge of your knits. For clarity's sake, a contrasting yarn has been used to demonstrate, but your button loop will look more seamless if you use the same (or at least similar) color yarn as your border color.

STEPONE

Begin by securing your yarn for at least three stitches on the WS of the border. These stitches will be completely invisible when viewed the RS. Then bring your yarn through where you want your loop to begin.

STEP1 - Secure the yarn.

STEP2 - Make a double loop.

STEP2 - View from the top.

STEPTWO

Make a loop with the yarn the size you want your button loop to be – the button should be able to pass snugly through the loop. Bring your needle back through the fabric at the beginning of the button loop. You now have two loops of yarn secured to the edge of your knitting.

STEP3 - Insert needle into loops, front to back.

STEPTHREE

Turn your work so the RS is facing. Insert the needle front to back through both loops. Wrap the yarn around the back of the needle and bring it back around to the front (counter clockwise). Pull the needle up through the the loop. Pull the knot snug but don't over tighten it. Scoot the knot all the way to the left of the loops (when viewed from the RS).

Note: The STEP3 photos are showing the RS of the work – up until now the photos have been of the WS.

Pull the knot snug and scoot it down.

Repeat step 3 until you just cover your loop – don't do too many or you will stretch your loop. Weave your yarn through at least three stitches to secure (the same way you started) and snip the excess off.

...repeat

Weave in ends.

Complete!