

# City & Guilds Foundation Programme - Knitting



## CGI.M2.L06.2: Decreasing – Knit 3 together (k3tog) and Purl 3 together (p3tog)

### Introduction

When a steep decrease is required it may be necessary to decrease more than one stitch at a time and this is where the knit three together (k3tog) and its sister stitch, the purl three together (p3tog) come in. These two stitches have the advantage of being relatively flat and so quite unobtrusive.

### Knit 3 together (k3tog)

This stitch decreases the stitch count by two but has a right slant rather than the centred one of the centred double decrease (cdd).

Work to where you want to make your decrease.



1. Insert the tip of the RH needle into the next 3 stitches on the LH needle knitwise (as if to knit).



2. Knit these stitches as one.



3. Drop the stitch off the LH needle. Two stitches decreased.



4. Knitting 3 stitches together brings the work in more steeply from both sides.

## Purl 3 together (p3tog)

This stitch also decreases the stitch count by two but has a left slant rather than the centred one of the CDD. Work to where you want to make your decrease.



1. Insert the tip of the RH needle into the next 3 stitches on the LH needle purlwise (as if to purl).



2. Purl these stitches as one.



3. Drop the stitch off the LH needle. Two stitches decreased.



4. Again, where the 3 stitches are worked together it produces a steeper slope inwards.

Note, however, that the purl version can create a distinctive loop so is used less frequently other than for decorative purposes.

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