

## Buttonholes

Buttonholes are knit into the knitting by creating an open stitch. It works really well if these are incorporated into a placket front. Either way the process is similar:

Sometimes you want a buttonhole in a bag closure, or a single button for securing a shawl or wrap. This is usually a nice big button. You will not be working with a placket in this situation.

After hooking the row, you are ready to do a buttonhole. Determine the location that you choose for the buttonhole. Slip that loop off the needle and place it onto the adjacent needle. Do the same to the other board, being sure to lay that loop in same direction. Now, weave over the row as usual in your working pattern. Hook over all needles. The needle next to buttonhole will have 3 loops. Lift 2 over 1. Do nothing to the needle with the single loop. Weave next row. You now will have 2 loops on all needles and hook over all. The buttonhole is complete.

**Buttonhole in Placket-** If you have a narrow placket like on a baby sweater and the placket is 4 stitches wide, you will do the buttonhole on the 3<sup>rd</sup> needle. If you are working with a 6 st placket, you will do the buttonhole on the 4<sup>th</sup> needle. Since, with a placket, you will have 2 loops on the needles, you will lift both loops and put one to the left and one to the right. Do this to both sides of the boards to create the empty needles. Now weave the next placket row. You will now have the 4 loops on all the placket needles except needle 4 will have just the 2 new loops. Hook over all the needles and do nothing to needles 4. After next weave, you will have 4 loops on all placket needles and you will lift 2 over 2. All the other needles will be worked as regular row with lifting 1 over 1.



1. Placket Front (weave twice) on first 6 stitches.



2. Lift both loops on needle 4.



**3.**Place 1 loop to left and 1 to right



**4.**Do the same thing to the opposite Board.



**5.**Needle 4 is empty on both boards. Weave another row.



**6.**Needles 3 and 5 will have an extra wrap. Needle 4 will have only 2 loops. Hook over so that all placket needles have 2 loops and all others have one loop. Needle 4 will be hooked on next row.