**BASICS:**

•  After casting on, cut tail end of yarn to about 5 inches, so it is not knitted by mistake.

•  Stitches should be snug, but not tight.  The loops should be able to slide along the needle.

•  When you begin to knit a new row, be sure to knit into the front yarn only and not both front and back.

•  After the first 2 knits on your needle, pause, then gently pull on the yarn tail to snug up the knits.

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| **How to hold the needle** | **Knits (v-shaped) / Purls (wavy bumps)** | **Always ball your yarn from...  loosely balled yarn, skeins, or hanks.** |
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 **How to hold the yarn:** *for less tension put yarn between first two fingers only, or hold yarn any way that feels comfortable!*

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| *Under Pointer Finger & Wrapped around Pinkie* | *Under Pointer Finger only* | *Over Pointer Finger & Wrapped round 3rd Finger* | *Over Pointer Finger only* |

 **YARN BALL**

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| Wrap yarn around 2 fingers 10 times. > | Remove from fingers… > | ….& wrap around middle, making a bow… |
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| …then fold over on itself… > | … & wrap in all directions… > | …creating a beautiful ball! |

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