

# *A Briefing into Converting Patterns onto the Knitting Looms*

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Needle knit patterns differ from loom knitted patterns. In loom knitted patterns, the right side of the fabric is always facing the knitter. In needle knitting, the right side gets flipped every other row as the knitter changes the needle from one hand to another.

When needle knitters want a smooth stockinette stitch on the right side of the fabric, the needle knitter must combine a row of knits and a row of purls to achieve the stockinette stitch look on the right side of the item.

Loom knitters: We have to knit every single row.

If a **needle knitter knits every single row**, they achieve what is known as a **Garter Stitch** (1 row has the knit stitch and the next row has purls).

**Loom knitters** on the other hand to achieve **the Garter Stitch**, we **must knit the first row** then **purl the next** row.

Keeping these items in mind:

If you are translating a flat panel onto the looms, do the following.

1. Leave all the **odd rows as they are**
2. **Change all the even** number rows to the **opposite stitch**, if they have Knits, change them to purls, if they have purls change them to knits.

If you are translating a circular panel onto the looms, do the following:

1. Follow the pattern exactly—do not change anything!

In following a chart:

Flat Panels

1. Read the chart starting at the bottom right on the first row
2. Second row starts at bottom left

All odd rows start from right to left  
All even rows start from left to right

Circular Knitting

1. Read the chart starting at bottom right.
2. All other rows start at the right side.

Converting Pattern Stitches

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When converting Stitch Patterns, they usually have what is called the pattern stitch number. Some Stitch Patterns look as follows:

Multiple of 6 + 3.

The stitch pattern consists of 6 stitches, and 3 edge stitches.

What does it mean for us:

When flat panel knitting:

It means to cast on a stitch multiple of 6 (12, 18, 24, etc), then add 3 stitches to the number (for a total of 15, 21, 27, etc.).

When circular knitting:

Only knit the multiple, omit the number after the “+” sign.