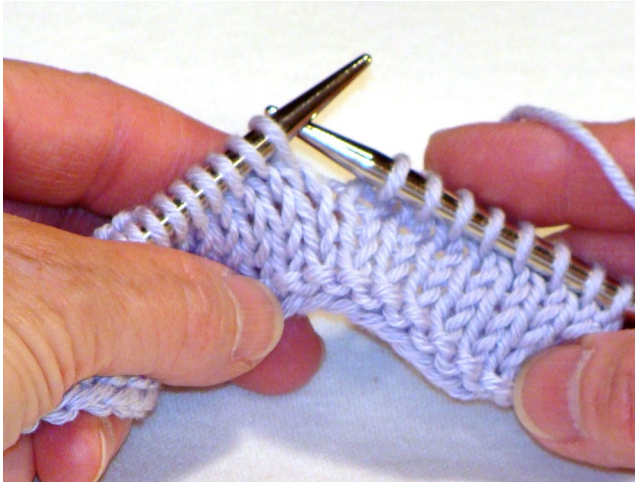


**Centered Double Decrease:** This technique shows a vertical dart created by decreasing three stitches into one while centering the middle stitch. It is decorative and functional, fairly easy to do, an intermediate knitter will be able to easily master it.

A centered double decrease is appropriate to use anytime a vertical dart is required, or in some lace patterns as an offset to multiple yarn over increases.

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1. Work to the point where decrease will be made.



2. Slip next two stitches together as if to knit 2 together.



3. Knit next stitch from left needle.



4. Pull the two slipped stitches over the stitch just knit as if they are one stitch, without changing the position of the stitches.



5. Centered Double Decrease made - two stitches decreased.

