

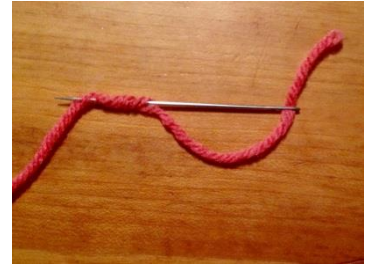
The Russian Join

Animal shelters just love colorful blankets, which brighten up the shelter environment. Working with a multitude of colors on a blanket is fun too, except when it comes to weaving in all the ends, created from the color changes! Here's an easy way to join one color of yarn to the next, creating a nearly invisible blend of the two! Once you get the hang of it, you'll be switching colors every row!

How to do the Russian Join:

1) When you're ready to switch colors in a blanket you're working on, cut the yarn, leaving a 4-5 inch stretch of the current yarn to work with, and thread it through a tapestry needle.

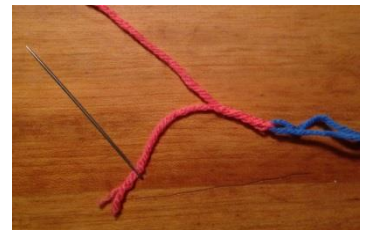
Create a loop by inserting the needle in the part of the tail leading to the blanket you're working on. Weave the needle in and out of the plies of yarn for about an inch.



2) Insert the end of the new color yarn through this loop.



3) Pull the needle holding the old yarn all the way through very tightly and cut the excess tail.



4) Thread the new color of yarn through the needle and repeat the "weaving in and out" process on the side with the new yarn color.



5) Again, pull the needle tightly through the new color and cut the excess tail. Enjoy the nearly invisible result . . .

