Garter Stitch Seams Invisible Join - WOW Tips Here! 'Phototorial' How-To

Garter edge seams do not need to be perceived as a daunting challenge. The goal in working this technique is to invisibly join stitch rows of two-row 'garter ridges', overlapping them to create a seamless ‘duplicate stitch garter bump ridge’ while maintaining the integrity of the garter ridge pattern.

**Here Are The BIG WOW TIPS ...**

*Use Lifeline Stitch Guides* and *Use the Second Stitch in Each Row on One of the Pieces to be Joined.*

Refer to Photo Numbers Matching Each Numbered Step

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1. **Wk Two Swatches:** co 20 sts; k 20 ridges, bo on rs.
Wk the steps w/bo row at top, rs. Facing.

   It is important to remember that two rows create a garter ridge, so one picked up st during seaming represents joining two rows/one ridge; it is picked up in the top row of a ridge in one piece and picked up in the bottom row of a ridge on the other piece. They then merge during seaming.

   *Note: be sure not to catch any yarn plies with the yarn needle while working with the pieces.*

   Fabric on right, for each ridge up to the top, identify which st of ea two-row ridge on this piece should be picked up (as discussed above). In photo 1b the right side lifeline is in each top row st of the ridge and the left side lifeline is in each bottom st row of the ridge.

   For the fabric on the left, insert lifeline beg under a lp of the cast on st at corner. Skipping the first st each time (photo 1b), insert needle under one st of ea ridge (the opposite top/bottom st as picked up w/other lifeline).

   [Photo 1b: Fabric on the right, shows top row st of a ridge picked up. Fabric on the left, shows the bottom row st of a ridge picked up, skipping ea first st.]

2. **W/contrasting second color yarn, *beg on left piece, insert needle under first st in lifeline, then under first st in lifeline in piece on right, repeat***. After ea repeat, tension the seaming thread as a straight line.

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3. Shows a couple more stitches worked.

4. Gently draw up the seaming yarn so that it forms a straight line, merging the sts from ea side.

5. Cont to work a few more sts.
6. After several sts are worked, snip used lifeline, being careful not to cut fabric sts or seaming yarn.

7. Cont to make a straight line of the seaming yarn as sts cont to be worked.

8. Notice the contrasting color used for seaming is barely visible. Cut seaming yarn, change to yarn same color as pieces and continue the process.
10. Cont process with matching yarn, pulling seaming yarn straight and snipping lifeline over completed sts.

11. Wk to last st ea side. Photos 11-13 show needle positions for invisible joining at top of pieces.
13. Completed invisible join at top edge.

14. First, bottom part completed in contrasting color seam. Second, top part seamed with same color as pieces.
Completed; photo before steaming or blocking.
Can you see the seam?