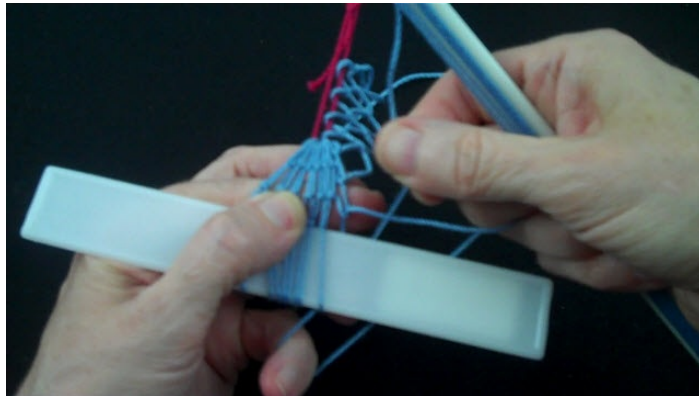
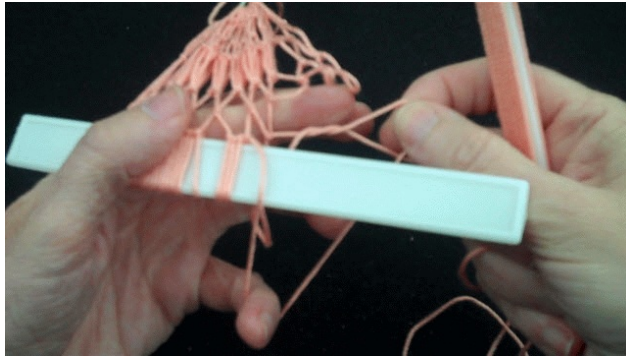


Correcting a Mistake

While Tying the Netting Knot



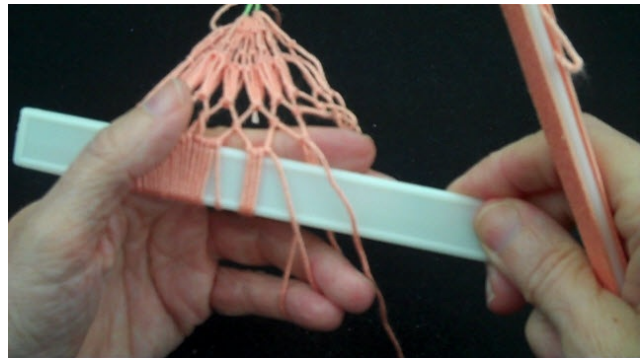
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Up to now, all the ways I've shown you to correct a mistake in netting have dealt with fixing the mistake after you have tied the netting knot. I realized that there is one more way to correct a mistake in netting – while you're still tying the knot, before you tighten it.

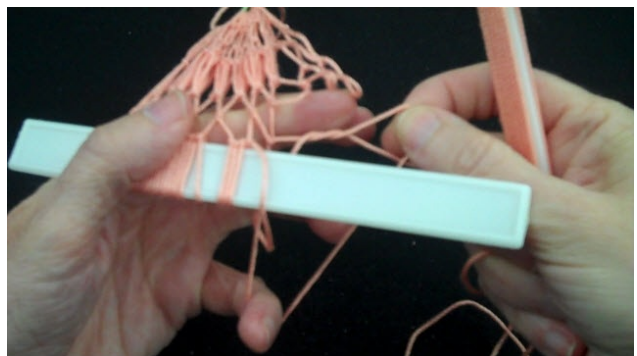
I have two examples to show you. One example shows how to completely untie the knot, while the other example shows how to move the knot from one loop to another.

While increasing in the Rick Rack stitch, it's easy to lose count of how many knots have been tied, especially when tying five knots in one loop. To prevent that problem, I usually check the number of knots tied into a loop just before I tighten the knot.

Once I recognize that I have not put enough knots into the previous loop, . . .



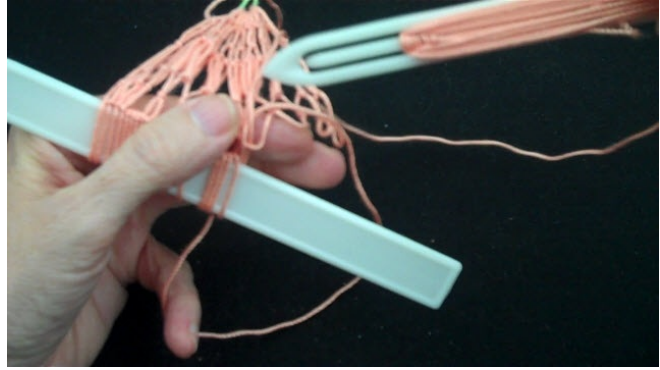
I pull the threads in the knot apart . . .



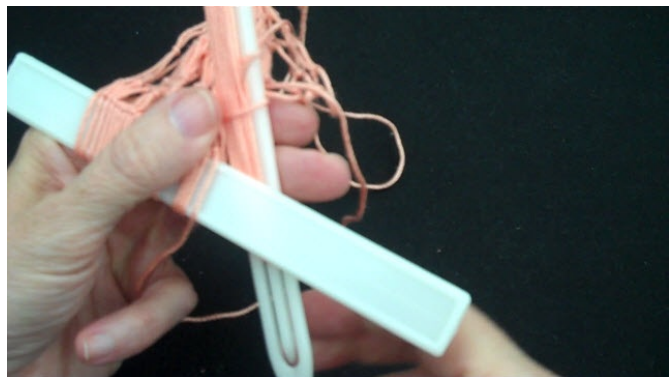
. . . and place the proper thread back over the previously made netting.



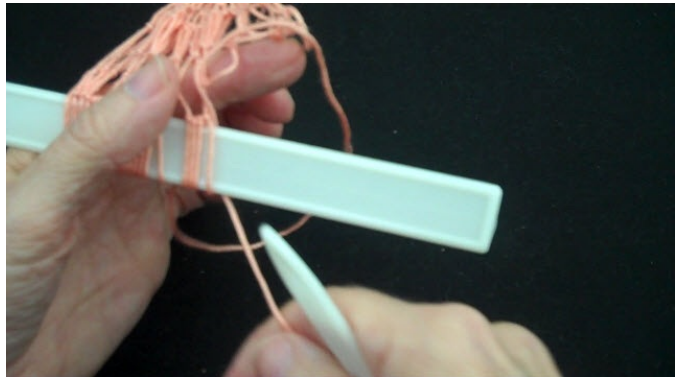
I decide to untie the knot completely this time.



To do that, I move my needle down through the loop, under the mesh stick, and over the thread coming from the little finger. This should untie the knot.



If I pull the thread carefully, I can see if I placed the needle correctly or not. If there is a problem, I can see it before the thread ties itself into tight knots.

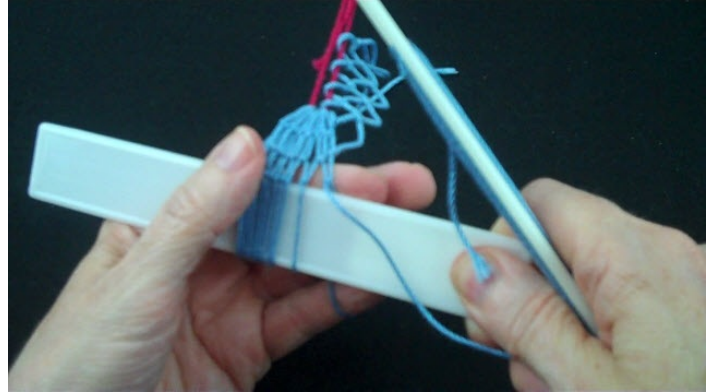


Once the knot is untied, it's time to resume netting again.

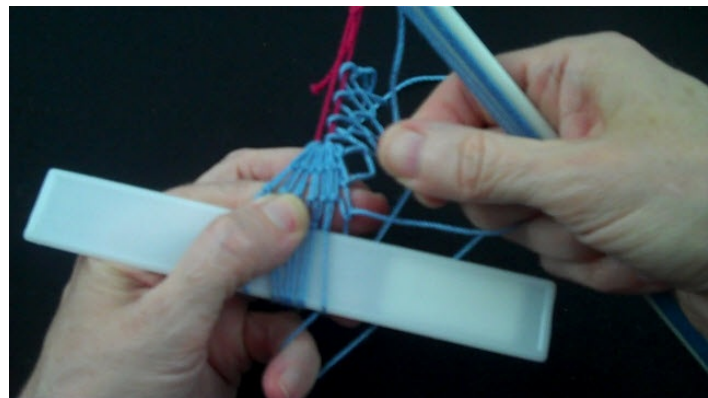
Now let's look at the second example.

One of the more difficult parts of tying the Icicle Increase Stitch is remembering to net the second knot. It is so much of a habit to just go into the next loop, that it's easy to make a mistake.

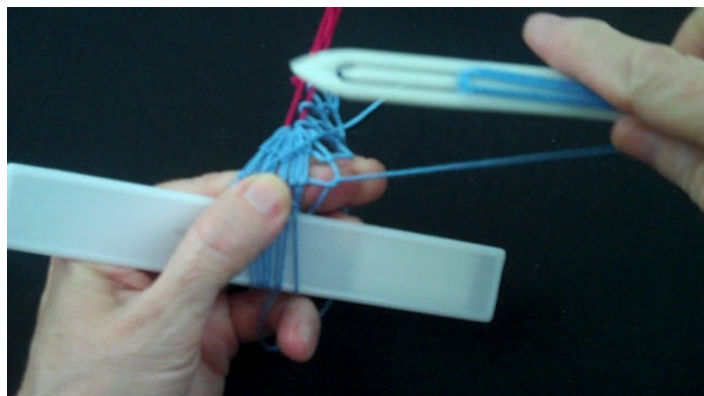
Here you'll see that just before I tighten the knot I notice that there is only one knot tied in the previous loop.



I carefully pull the knot apart to the point where . . .

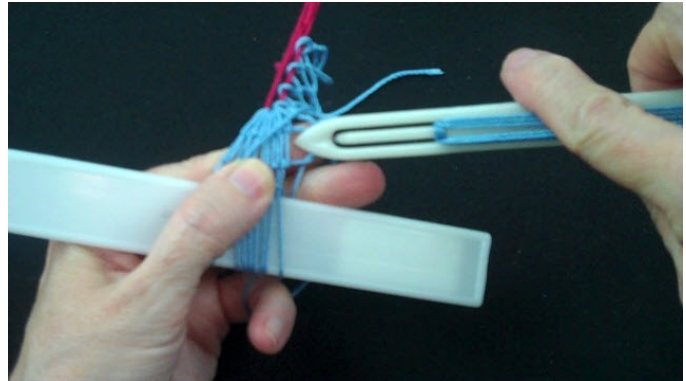


. . . I can place it carefully back over the previously made netting.

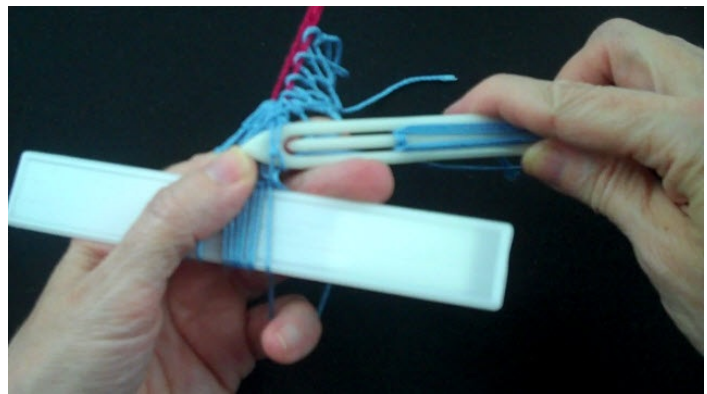


Now I choose whether to untie the almost completed knot I had been tying or move the knot to a new loop. I decide to move the knot.

To do that, I slip the shuttle down into the wrong loop . . .

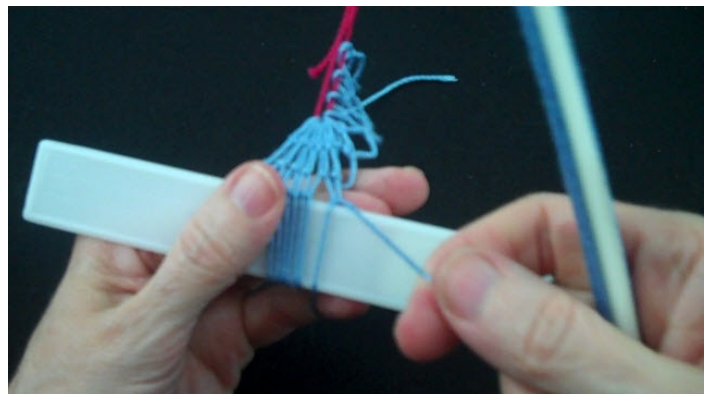


. . . and up out through the correct loop.



Then I tighten the knot in the correct loop.

I make sure that the loop around my little finger stays there through the entire process.



Let's look at the steps involved with this method.

- Step #1: Recognize that you are making a mistake.
- Step #2: Loosen the threads that are forming the knot.
- Step #3: Bring the proper thread back over the netting made in previous rows, or over the foundation loop.
- Step #4: Decide if you want to completely untie the knot or if you want to move the knot being tied from one loop to another loop.
- Step #5: Move the shuttle through the maze of loops and threads to accomplish what you decided to do in step four.
- Step #6: If you moved the stitch to a new loop, tighten the knot in its new location.

You are now ready to continue netting.

Whether you want to untie the knot or move the knot to a new loop, using these steps will keep you from needing to use the other methods of fixing mistakes in netting, regardless of which stitch or pattern you are using.