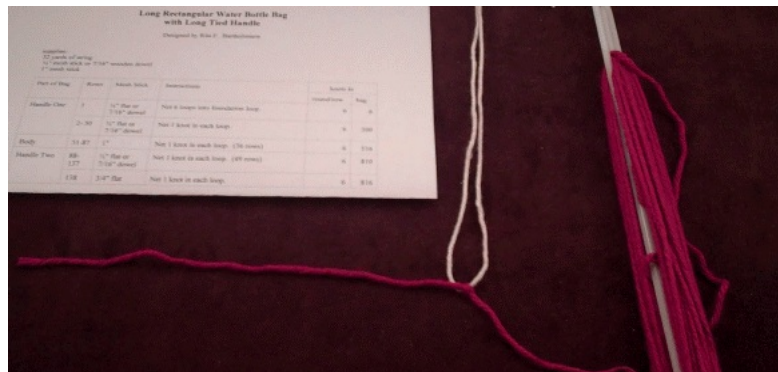


Troubleshooting the Lacemaker's Method:

The Tail

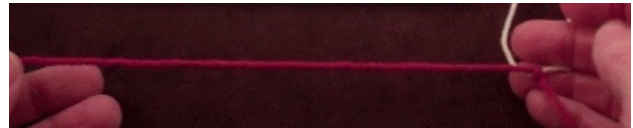


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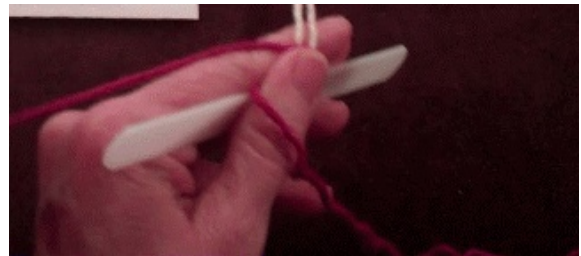
When you are just starting to net and you feel you're all thumbs and really don't know what you're doing, that pesky tail, left from when you tied your shuttle to the foundation loop, can get in the way. Eventually the netting will get long enough that the tail won't be anywhere near your hands and the problem will go away. But in the mean time, here are a couple of remedies.

A long tail

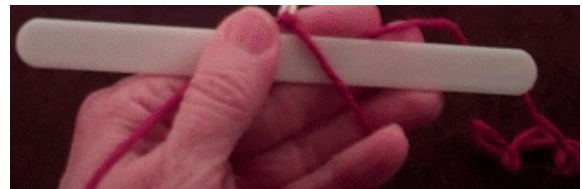
First, make sure that the tail is long, six to eight inches long. When the tail is long like that, it's easier to put it somewhere and have it stay where you want it.



You can drape it over the back of your left hand.



If it won't stay there, you can hold it behind the mesh stick and against your index finger. Applying slight pressure with your thumb against the mesh stick may help keep it out of the way.



Slip knot at end of tail

If that does not help, you could tie a slip knot in the end of the tail and slip the loop over the left end of the mesh stick.

