

**STOP THE PRESSES!** And now, the Russian Join.

There are many and varied descriptions of the Russian Join. Briefly – here's how we at Swallow Hill undertake this join.

1. Thread one of the ends of thread through a very slender sharp needle (a ribbon embroidery needle is great) and starting about 3 inches down, run the needle through the inside of the yarn. It helps to untwist the plies if you can. If this proves too awkward, you can always weave the needle in and out of the same strand of thread that the needle is threaded on.



2. Pull the needle all the way through, until there is only a small loop left at the top.



3. Take the needle off this thread, and thread the second piece. Pass the needle through the loop left on the first piece and repeat the process with the second piece



4. Then snug up the ends of the yarn just to close up the loop and voila, you have grafted your two pieces of fibre into one!



Kewl eh?!