

**2x3 Gathered Scalloped Rib – A Variation**  
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**I-CORD FUN**  
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I love I-CORDS!! They're quick and easy to make and have so many uses. Besides making oooooles of them on the knitting machine when I'm working on a project, I've got one of those Cord Makers (you can find them around the net at dealers sites and eBay ranging from \$10 - \$25). One of the best little knitting helper investments I ever made. Just make sure it comes with the two original clip weights.

I keep a variety of colors of cords on hand, using up scraps, etc. You can even make them in stripes as well as solids. Or blend 2 strands of thinner yarns for a nice tweedy look. I string mine onto large hand knitting stitch holders

Here are some great ideas for using I-Cord. This list is not comprehensive, just a few to show you some of the diversity of I-Cord.

- Laces for shoes, a tabard vest, chemise closure

- Drawstrings for bags, hats, purses, sweater tops, etc.

- Stitch it onto a sweater outlining a picture.

- Use around the edge of a blanket; such as weaving in and out of a worm edge. (see picture)

- Hang it on as you knit for dimensional embellishment such as captured in pull-up knitweave (see picture)

- Scrunchies / Hair ties

- Braid it for trims on jackets, around necklines, etc.

- Knit long I-Cord then knit potholder, attaching I-Cord as you go for trim.

- Tie into intricate knots such as a celtic design to embellish.

- Knit-weave your thinner I-Cord for a thick lap





**robe.**

- **Coil I-Cord and crochet them for coasters and placemats (see picture)**

- **Intricate loops and swirls glued to a lampshade OR, if you have knit a lampshade, sew into place for embellishment.**