

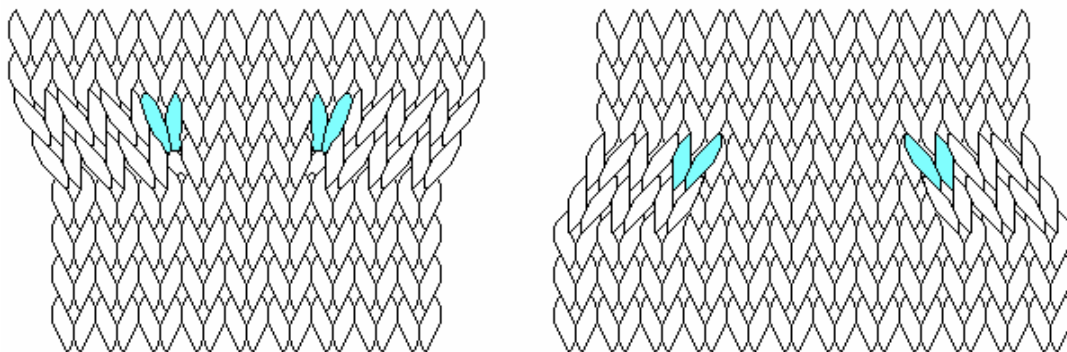
# NatureSpeak Knits

## Short Row Shaping

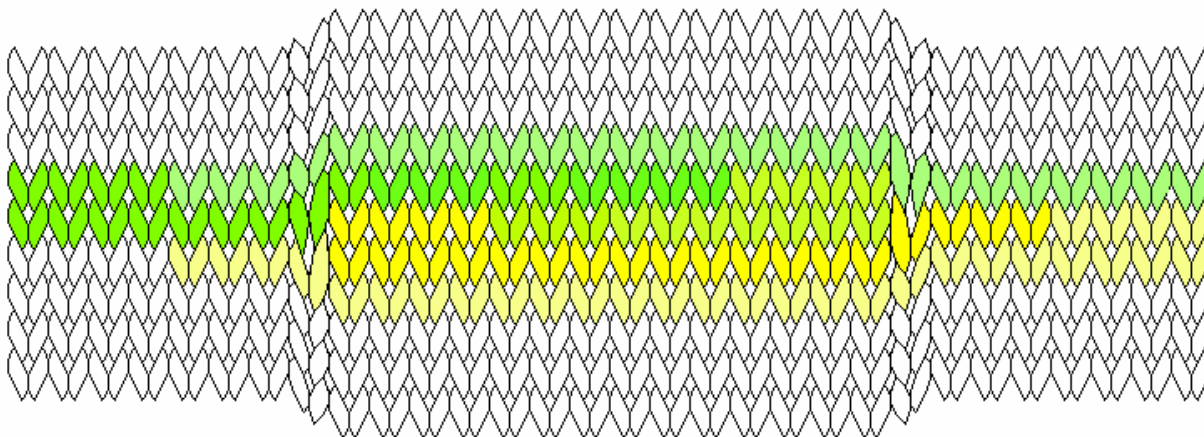
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There are several different ways to add shaping to your knitting. The most common is to include increases or decreases in a row.

Basically, increases add width to the piece and decreases remove width from the piece:



Short rows add **length** to a specific area by adding extra rows to just that area.



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The instructions for the above 30 stitch swatch would be:

[K30. Turn. P30. Turn.] 2 times. (*pale yellow*)

Knit 23, slip 1, ytf, slip same st back onto left needle. **Turn.** (*deep yellow*)

Purl 14, slip 1, ytb, slip same st back onto left needle. **Turn.** (*green-yellow*)

Knit 14 (**to the wrapped stitch on the previous row**), **pick up the wrap and knit it with this stitch**, knit to end. Turn. (*deep green*)

Purl 22 (**to the wrapped stitch on the previous row**), **pick up the wrap and purl it with this stitch**, purl to end. Turn. (*pale green*)

K30. Turn. P30. Turn. K30.

By wrapping the stitch at the end of the “short row” you eliminate a hole.

By working the wrap with the stitch on the next row, the wrap slips to the wrong side and becomes nearly invisible.