

# Lace Knitting Hints and Tips

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Experienced lace knitters have a few hints to share about how to keep lace knitting a sane, calm, and happy pastime. Here are some of the suggestions from our list:

1. I use the chart and put it on a music stand. A copy holder from an office supply store would work too. Some of them even have a line marker. I use a magnetic board with a line marking magnet or a post it note (or three of them if I need it). (Lisa Keating)
2. I use a row counter on my knitting, I advance it at the end of each wrong side row. (Lisa Keating)
3. I put clear “no-tangle” hair bands between every repeat and add them as needed. (Lisa Keating)
4. If I’m not sure about my accuracy, I count the repeats between the bands. The sooner you find any mistakes, the easier it is to fix it. Usually it’s a missed yarn over. (Lisa Keating)
5. Don’t try to knit lace in your sleep. (Lisa Keating)
6. Use highlighter tape available from online sources. This is a translucent colored sticky tape that you place directly on the pattern line. It looks just like you had taken a highlighter and colored the line. When you are done with that line, you peel it off and move it to the next row. It lasts FOREVER! I am still using the original piece which has lasted through multiple projects. The only bugbear with this tape is that it is as thick as scotch tape (3/8"). I pull out the width I want and then take scissors to cut it into two 1/4" pieces. (Kate Fuller)

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