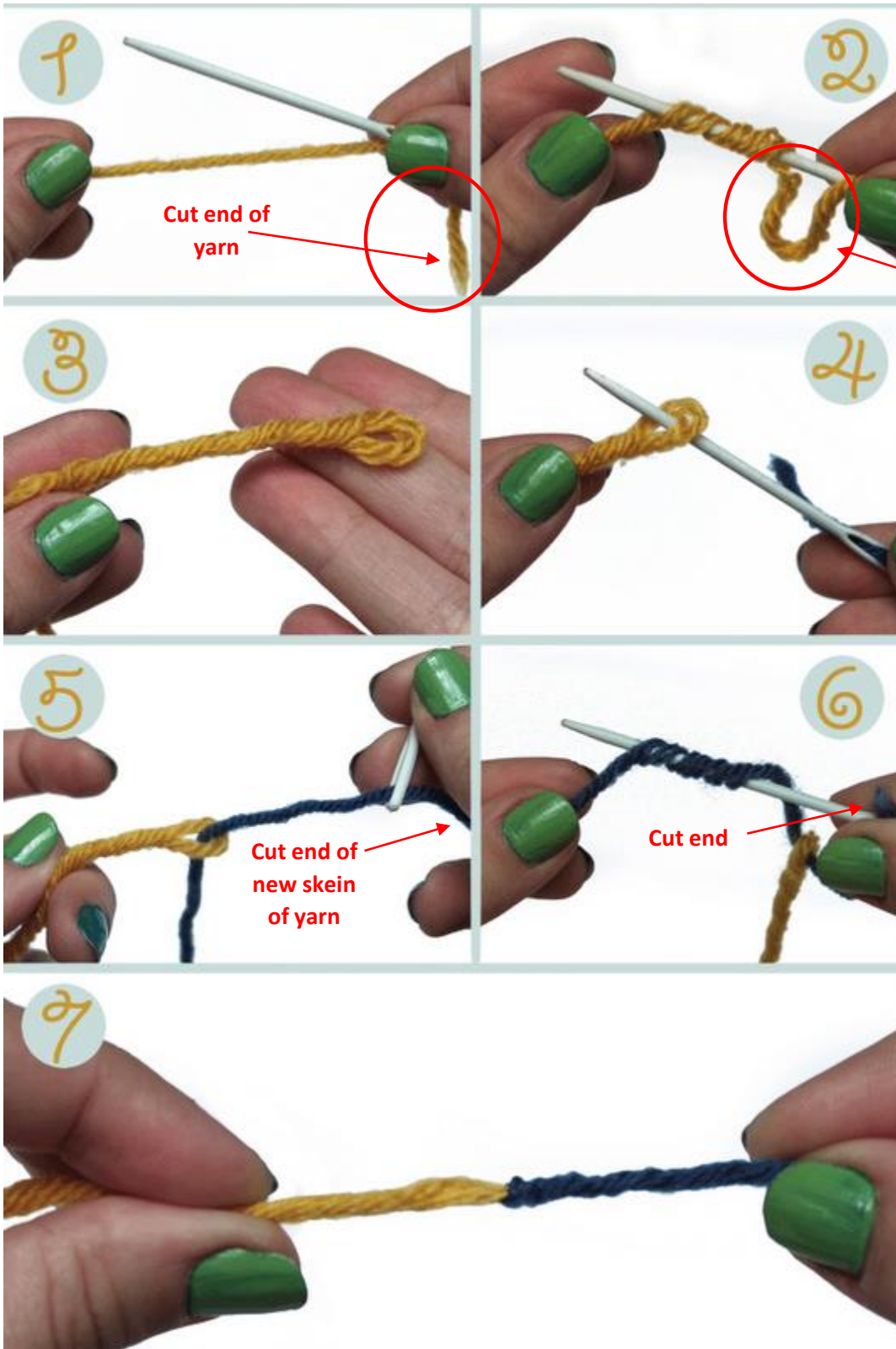


RUSSIAN JOIN

This is a great way to join yarn skeins yarn without tying a knot. The connection is strong and will not come apart. If the yarn colors are the same, it will be very difficult to see where the two skeins have been joined.



1. Thread the end of your skein of yarn onto a tapestry-type (large) needle.
2. Skip about 1" (creating a small loop) and run your needle back through the center of your yarn for about 2 inches.

LOOP

3. Pull needle and tail of yarn through and remove needle. Hold on to "LOOP" at the "eye end" of the needle to make sure you don't lose it as you're running your needle through the yarn.
4. Thread the end of the new skein of yarn on your needle. Run your needle through the loop created in Step 1.

5. Pull the yarn of your second skein through the loop.
6. As in Steps 1-3, run your needle back through the center of the 2nd piece of yarn (toward the skein) for a few inches. Pull needle and tail of yarn through and remove needle.

7. Your two skeins of yarn are now connected. Tug to tighten and trim ends close, with scissors.
Tug again and trim again if needed.
These two skeins of yarn will NOT come apart and the connection will be very difficult to see. Simply continue crocheting or knitting.