Knit a two-stitch Right Twist without a cable needle

I take no credit for this technique, but I can’t give credit either because I’ve completely forgotten where I learned it. The Principles of Knitting? An article in Vogue Knitting or Interweave Knits? Some other book? All I can tell you is that if your tension is loose enough to pull this off, it’s an easy way to twist stitches without a cable needle.

Stop just before the two stitches you want to twist.

Just as though it weren’t there, pass the first stitch on the left needle and go over to the one the other side of it.

Slip your right needle through the second stitch, front left to back right, just as though it were a normal knit stitch.

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You’re pretty much stuck at the front of the work now, looking up at the sky and whistling nonchalantly as you wrap your yarn around the needle.

Pull the new stitch through...

...and now, just as though it were a sudden thing, notice the first stitch on the left needle and knit that one. Just as though you hadn’t ignored it at all.
Wrap the yarn around the needle...

Pull the new stitch through onto the right needle...

... and pull both original stitches off the left needle.

There you have it – a stitch that leans right!