

# Loom Knitting Basics

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## Casting On

1: Tie a slip knot at the end of your yarn leaving a three inch tail. Place this knot on the holding peg, and pull to tighten.

2: Wrap each peg in a counterclockwise direction starting with the first peg to the left of the holding peg. Work your way around the loom, going in a clockwise direction until there is one loop on each peg.



3: Wrap your working yarn around the loom a second time until there are two loops on each peg.

4: Using your knitting tool, lift the bottom loop on the peg just to the right of the holding peg and lift it up and over the top loop and over the top of the peg. This will secure your work so that the loops will not unravel off the loom.

(Note: after knitting two rows the slip knot should be removed from the holding peg.)

## **Twisted Stockinette Stitch /E-wrap**

- 1: Simply continue as above in the cast on, by lifting all the stitches over until there is only one loop remaining on each peg.
- 2: Wrap your working yarn around the pegs a second time until there are two loops on each peg, and repeat step 1.
- 3: Continue until the piece is the desired length.

## **Purl Stitch**

- 1: Wrap one loop on number of pegs desired for project.
- 2: Lay your working yarn across the front of your pegs, just below the first wrapped loop. (see Photo)



- 3: Using your knitting tool, reach down through the wrapped loop on the first peg, and pull the working yarn up through the loop, forming another loop.



4: Pull the original wrapped loop off the peg, and place the newly formed loop on the peg. Tug gently on the working yarn to secure the loop on the peg.



5: Move to the next peg and repeat stitch as called for in the pattern.

## **Garter Stitch**

1: Wrap the number of pegs as directed in the pattern till there are two loops on each peg and knit off one row/round.

2: The next row is done in purl stitch.

3: Alternate the rows/rounds in St st and purl stitches as called for in pattern. This creates a garter stitch look in your work

## Knitting a Flat Piece

1: Working around the loom clockwise, cast on the amount of stitches as directed in the pattern.

2: Wrap the last peg twice counter clockwise and bring your working yarn to the middle of the loom and behind the next peg to the right. Wrap the yarn clockwise around that peg.



3: Continue to wrap the yarn around each peg clockwise working back towards the holding peg.

4: Starting with the last peg wrapped, knit off all pegs. The working yarn will be on the right end of the row. Note: the stitch on the last peg that was double wrapped will be loose.

5: The working yarn will be *behind* the first peg on the right. Bring the yarn around to the front of the first peg wrapping it in a counter clockwise direction.

6: Continue wrapping all pegs working in a clockwise direction on the loom and knit off; again starting with the last peg that was wrapped.

7: Continue in this manner wrapping the pegs back and forth on the loom as directed in the pattern. Note: Remember each peg will be wrapped clockwise as you move from left to right, and they will be wrapped counter clockwise as you move right-left on the piece.

## **Casting Off**

### **Gather Method**

1: Once the piece reaches the desired length, wrap your working yarn around the loom one and a half times, and break yarn.

2: Using a yarn needle, thread the working yarn through each loop on the loom, starting with the loop to the right of the holding peg and working in a counter clockwise direction all the way around the loom.

3: Thread the working yarn through the loop to the right of the holding peg a second time.

4: Remove the loops from the loom and gently tug on the yarn tail till the piece gathers tightly together. Using the needle thread the working yarn to the inside of the piece.

5: Turn the piece inside out and weave in the ends.

### **Flat Piece Removal**

1: Work piece until desired length as directed in pattern ending with your working yarn at the right next to the holding peg. Cut the working yarn leaving a 3" tail.

2: Starting at the side of the piece with your working yarn, take the last loop from its peg and place it on the crochet hook.

3: Take the working yarn and wrap it once around the crochet hook in a clockwise direction. Pull this loop through the loop already on the crochet hook.

4: Remove the loop from the next peg and place it on the hook.

5: Pull the second loop through the first and slide the first loop off the hook.

6: Repeat from step 3 and continue until all loops are removed from the loom.

7: After removing the last loop from the loom use your hook to pull the tail of working yarn through it. Weave in ends.

### **Tube Removal Method**

1: Work piece until desired length as directed in pattern.

2: Start at the peg just to the right of the holding peg. Remove the loop from its peg and place it on the knitting tool or a crochet hook.

3: Remove the loop from the next peg to the right and place it on the hook.

4: Pull the second loop through the first and slide the first loop off the hook

5: Remove the next loop from the peg to the right and repeat.

6: Continue in this manner until all loops are removed from the loom.

4: After removing the last loop from the loom use your hook to pull the tail of working yarn through it. Weave in ends.

Note: You can make the tube looser if you use a crochet hook and make one chain stitch between each loomed stitch as in the flat removal method.

### **Flat Closed Removal Method**

1: Work piece until desired length as directed in pattern. Cut yarn leaving a 3 " tail

2: Thread a yarn needle with a piece of yarn in the MC about 1-2 yards in length.

3: Starting at the peg indicated in the pattern, thread the yarn up through that loop and remove it from its peg.

4: Move to the peg just to the left of the first loop removed. Thread the yarn through this peg as well and remove from the loom.

5: Next move to the peg just to the right of the first loop removed. Thread the yarn through this loop and remove it.

6: Continue to alternate left to right across the loom threading the yarn through the next peg and removing it from the loom until all the loops are removed from the loom.

7: Once all the loops are removed, gently pull the yarn through the loops being sure not to gather the piece.

8: Thread the end of the yarn through the corner and inside the pieces. Turn the piece inside out and secure the end. Weave in all ends.

### **Shaping Pieces**

#### **Increasing one stitch per row:**

1: Take the last loop on the end row you want to increase and lift it off its peg placing it on the next peg away from the main part of the row. This will leave an empty peg between your main row and the peg with the loop you just moved.

2: Wrap all pegs including the empty peg and knit off all pegs with two loops. On the next row that peg will have two loops and will be knit off with the rest of the row.

### **Decreasing one stitch per row:**

1: Take the loop on second peg in from the end of the row you wish to decrease. Place it on the third peg in from the end of the row.

2: Place the loop on the last peg in the row to the peg that was left empty by the one that was removed.

3: Wrap all the pegs that have loops on them, the decrease peg will have three loops on it.

4: Knit off all pegs. When knitting off the decrease peg take the two bottom loops and pull them up and over the top loop and over and off the peg.