Loomed Leghorn, an egg cozy

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SKILL LEVEL: Easy

SIZE: Approximately 3½ inches wide X 3½ inches long

MATERIALS

- Yarn: Red Heart Classic in small amounts of white, red & yellow (Optional: green fun fur substituted for the first 4 rounds will produce a nest effect)
- 12 peg Knifty Knitter Flower loom or similar loom
- Yarn needle
- Crochet hook
- Eyes: beads, buttons or googly eyes

NOTES

- Instructions are for two strands of yarn held as one strand, worked from left to right in rounds, and from the bottom up
- Pegs on the loom are numbered counterclockwise from 1 to 12 starting with peg 1 to the right of the anchor peg.
- Stitches: Flat knit and Purl knit stitches; chain crochet st
- Techniques and online reference for more information:
 - chain cast on <u>http://site.loomknit.com/files/CastOnTutorial.pdf</u>
 - flat panel bind off http://www.loomknit.com/basic-bind-off.html

ABBREVIATIONS:		
CO = cast on BO = bind off st = stitch	FK = flat knit stitch P = purl stitch	

INSTRUCTIONS

Nest or bottom edge

- 1. <u>CO:</u> With 2 strands of white yarn held as one, do a chain CO on all 12 pegs of the flower loom.
- 2. <u>Rows 1-4:</u> Using a FK st, work K1/P1 to create a rib st pattern. (*Note: You are doing FK on the odd pegs and P on the even pegs.)*

*Optional for steps 1 & 2: Green fun fur can be used in place of the white yarn to give the appearance of a grass nest.

The body

- <u>Rows 5-16:</u> Work a garter st pattern by doing a FK st for all odd rows and P st for all even rows.
- 4. <u>Body bind off edge:</u> Work a flat panel bind off on pegs 12, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 as follows:
 - a. Using a loose tension, FK peg 1.
 - b. Lift the loop from peg 1 and place it on peg 12.
 - c. FK peg 12.
 - d. Lift the loop from peg 12 and place it on peg 1.
 - e. Repeat the same sequence described in 4a-d on pegs 2, 3, 4 & 6 to complete the BO for the hen's body.

The neck & head

- 5. <u>Rows 17-22:</u> Working as a flat panel on the remaining 6 pegs, continue with the garter stitch pattern by doing FK st on the odd rows and P st on the even rows.
- 6. <u>BO:</u> End by doing a flat panel bind off on the all 6 pegs. Remove the hen from the loom and whip st the head & back opening shut.

Finishing

The beak, cone and tail trim are made using crochet chains in the corresponding colors, shaping while whip stitching in place. Small googly eyes were added for the eyes, but little black buttons or beads would work nicely. If the number of rows for the hen's body is reduced, the cozy could be used with a Cadbury Egg.



Bottom view showing the plastic egg inside.