

Draft Catcher



Note: This pattern is written for both loom and needle knitters. The loom knitting pattern comes first with the needle knit pattern in parentheses. It is a simple basic tube, with an eyelet row at each end to accommodate two I-cords which will be used to hold the stuffing material in and add a bit of a decorative touch!

Materials:

- Bulky weight yarn approximately 150-200 yards, Sample draft catcher made with Lion Brand Wool Ease Chunky.
- Knifty Knitter blue loom or other large gauge loom with around 24 pegs i.e newborn hat loom, (or Size 10.5 or 11 set of DPNs or two circular needles same sizes if you prefer that method.)
- Stuffing material ie. polyfill cotton batting or any other appropriate stuffing material.
- Optional: duct/packing tape and about 36 pennies, yarn needle and crochet hook size K

GAUGE

Gauge is not essential in this project.

PATTERN STITCH

Stockinette stitch; knit every row in the round.

Eyelet Row

Before wrapping this row, move every 4th stitch over to the next peg to the left, then wrap every peg and knit off all pegs with 2 stitches as normal, pegs with three stitches knit off the two bottom loops over the top one so that only one loop is left on each peg.

(*Knit 4 YO, K2Tog, repeat from * across row)

Pattern

Cast on using all pegs on the loom. (Or cast on 24 stitches distributing them evenly between your needles.)

Knit in the round until the piece is 3 inches long.

Make eyelet row.

Continue knitting in the round until the piece reaches 27 inches long.

Make another eyelet row.

Knit in the round for another 3 inches so the entire piece is 30 inches long.

Cast off.

Weave in ends.

Finishing

Make two I-cords about 18 inches long.

Weave the I-cords through the eyelets in the eyelet row.

Optional: before stuffing the draft catcher, cut a piece of duct tape 30 inches long. Place the pennies side by side along the length of the duct tape. Then fold the duct tape over sandwiching the pennies inside and securing them.

Place this inside the draft catcher prior to stuffing it. This will weigh it down and help it stay in place when it is in the doorway.

Stuff the draft catcher, and tie the I-cords to secure the ends. You may wish to make a few stitches in the I-cord to secure the knot and keep it from untying.

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