



Lion Brand® Spool Knitting - How to make a Spool Knitter

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Knitting is the art of creating a fabric by pulling loops through loops. Although it is often done on needles, it can be done on looms as well. A spool knitter is a small round loom that can be used to create a knitted fabric. Spool knitters are cylinders that have three or more pegs or nails that stick out of the top. The nails are used to form and hold the stitches while knitting. The most common type of spool knitter has four pegs / nails. You can buy a spool knitter or you can easily make one. The one in our example is made of polymer molding clay that can be baked in the oven to harden it.

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SKILL LEVEL: Beginner

SIZE: One Size

Approximately 1.5 in [4 cm] in diameter, 2 in [5 cm] high

CORRECTIONS: None

MATERIALS

- Additional Materials
 1. Oven-hardening Polymer clay in one or more colors
 2. Ruler
 3. Sharp knife
 4. Straight-sided glass or rolling pin
 5. Cookie tray
 6. 4 brass 1-inch [.5 cm] nails

Your spool knitter does not have to be decorated, but decorating is fun, so we used several colors of clay.

Spool knitters can be any size. If you are going to use worsted or light worsted weight yarn, you'll probably want to have the pegs about 3/4 inch [2 cm] apart. If you are using heavier yarn or two or more strands of yarn, you'll want the pegs farther apart. Our knitter is designed for using two thicknesses of Lion Wool and the pegs are about 1 inch [2.5 cm] apart.

All work was done on an aluminum cookie sheet -- the clay can cause damage to finished wood surfaces!

1. Start by rolling your primary color flat so that it is about 1/4 inch [.5 cm] thick.
2. Trim the piece so it is 4 inches [10 cm] wide by 1.75 inches [4 cm] tall.
3. Cut out any decoration pieces (we used a tiny heart cookie cutter)

4. Arrange your decorations as you wish, turn the piece upside down and roll it gently so that the decoration is embedded in the clay.



5. You'll need a top edge that is thick enough to hold the nails. We made one by rolling several colors of clay together and cutting it into pieces that were about 1/4 in [.5 cm] long. We put the pieces side-by-side around the top edge with the circular cross section edge facing outwards. When we gently squished the pieces together, this gave us an wedge that was 1/4 in [.5 cm] wide.



6. Just to be pretty, we decided to put twisted decoration around the bottom. We rolled a very thin layer of each of the three colors and cut a very thin slice -- about 1/8 inch [.25 cm]. We twisted the thin slice and rolled it gently so that it looked like a candy cane. Then we positioned it around the bottom of the spool knitter, cutting to fit and pressing it into shape.



7. Finally, we turned the spool knitter right side up and put the four nails into the top edge, evenly spaced and about an inch [2.5 cm] apart.

Bake in the oven per the manufacturer's instructions.



When it is cool, check out our instructions on [how to knit with a spool knitter](#).

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