



Munroe Center for the Arts

Spool Knitting

Spool knitting is a way to knit tubes. Large tubes can be made into bags or leg-warmers, small tubes can be made into anything you can imagine! This knitter is making a snake to be given to her niece for jazzing up her stethoscope :)

MAKE DEVICE - create a device to weave the yarn around

Easy:

- 4 popsicle sticks
- 1 toilet paper tube
- Duct tape - 7 inch

Sturdy:

- Old spool
- 4 nails (no heads/brads)

The tube in the photo is made from a combination of these two ideas, using a sturdy cardboard tube about 1 inch in diameter with 6 nails duct taped to it.

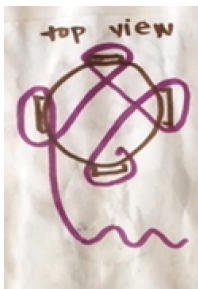
MAKE NEEDLE - create a device to help you loop yarn over yarn (optional)

- Dowel - 3 inch
- Pencil sharpener - create a point at one end
- Small piece of sandpaper - sand the point smooth so yarn doesn't catch on rough bits
- Olive oil - rub on dowel and point for extra smoothness

YARN

- Begin with 2 arm lengths of your favorite color (or what you can just lay your hands on!)

KNIT!



1. Pull the starter end of the yarn through your tube - you can tug on this end to help pull the knitting thru the tube as you go along.
2. Begin by looping yarn around each stick/nail along your tube/spool. (illustration here goes in a counter-clockwise direction).
3. To start the knitting process, position the next row of yarn above one of these loops, and pull the original loop over it.
4. Repeat.
5. To finish your piece, cut the yarn with 2 inches to spare. Pull this end through the last loops.



More details on: <https://club.chicacircle.com/how-to-make-your-own-spool-knitter/>