

LOOM KNITTING

Looms for knitting come in all sizes and shapes. There are square, triangle, round or oval ones which can be used to make a variety of knitting projects. These frames can be used for flat knitting as well.

The type of yarn and size of hat will determine the method of knitting you will do on the loom. Following are instructions for **1 over 2** and **2 over 2** knitting methods. Working with youth, the 2 over 2 method is the easiest.

It is recommended that the 1 over 2 method be used for preemie and newborn size hats or knit them with bulky novelty yarns. The two over two method is recommended for child, youth and adult sizes and double worsted yarns. The 1 over 2 method may be used with worsted yarn also.

ROUND KNITTING BB Hats

Method: 1 over 2 or 2 over 4 if working with 2 strands of yarn

Materials Needed:

Round hat loom

Looming hook (included with loom)

1 or 2 (4-oz) skein yard in color of your choice

Tapestry Needle (optional)

Step 1: To begin this project, find the **A**tack on the outer rim of the loom. This is your starting and stopping place on each round of stitches. Peg 1 is to the right of the tack, when the tack is facing you.

Begin threading the loom, by making a few wraps around the tack leaving a tail of about 3". Leave this on the tack until you have about 5-6 rows knitted off.

Take the yarn between peg 1 and the last peg to the inside and wrap yarn **BB LOOSELY BB clockwise** around each peg in a counter clockwise direction. (See illustration.) Continue doing this around the loom, until you have reached the last peg (peg 41). This is the first round, continue going around the loom in this manner until you have **three** loops on each peg. After you have gone around three times, wrap yarn a couple of times around the tack to hold yarn in place. Each new round should be above the previous round.

Step 2: Take the looming hook and pick up the bottom loop and place over the top of the peg to the inside of the loom, leaving two loops remaining on the peg. Continue around the loom, until you have reached the holding tack. This completes one row.

Step 3: Push down remaining loops. Remove the working yarn from the tack and add another row to your peg. Repeat step 2 and 3 until you have enough rows to make the brim of hat. (See chart.) After about 5 rows, remove the beginning yarn from around the tack and let it hang down through the middle of the hat.

BRIM

Use the table for the recommended length. Hold the starting yarn straight down from the holding tack to line up the ribs. Reach inside of the loom and grab the 3" tail. Place the tail between pegs 1 & 41, lining up the ribs (wrong sides are together). Place the loop from the first row over each corresponding peg around the loom. You now have 3 loops on each peg. Pull bottom loop over top two loops as before, continuing around the loom. When you have gone all the way around one time, you have completed the brim.

NOTE: A rolled hat brim can also be made by simply continuing to make the hat without pulling up the brim.

FINISH KNITTING THE HAT

Continue adding rows as in previous steps until hat has reached suggested length as found in the table. End with two loops of yarn on each peg. Cut the working yarn 2 times the circumference of the loom.

Finishing option #1 BB Using a tapestry needle: Thread a tapestry needle on the end of the yarn and starting with peg # 1, run the needle through the 2 loops on the peg pulling the yarn through the loops. Continue pulling the yarn through loops. Remove loops from each peg until all loops are off the loom by working in a counter clockwise direction.

Finishing option #2 BB Finishing using the Looming hook: Lay the yarn across the grooved side of the peg and above the loop already on the peg. With the looming hook, lift the bottom loop over the top thread and off the peg just as you have been doing. With the hook, pull on the working yarn strands until the ends come through the loop. Continue completely around the loom until the hat is completely off the loom.

FINISHING BB ALL: Pull hat inside out and cinch up the hat until the hole in the center is gone. Tie off end of working yarn(s) and weave in ends into finished hat.

For **right-handed**, go counter-clockwise around loom wrapping in a clockwise direction.

For **left-handed**, go clockwise around the loom wrapping in a counter-clockwise direction.

Size and # Pegs	Preemie (18)	Newborn (23)	Baby/Child (31)	Child/Youth (36)	Adult (41)
Size for brim	2 inches	2 inches	3 inches	4 inches	6 inches
Finished brim	2 inches	1 inch	1 2 inches	2 inches	3 inches
Finished hat including brim	5 - 5 2 inches	6 - 6 2 inches	6 2 - 7 inches	7 - 8 inches	8 - 9 inches

These are only approximate lengths. It is a designer decision on length, and width of brim.

Note: If you are making stripes, simply tie new yarn to old with a square knot at the holding tack and wrap row with new color. When finishing your hat weave in ends from knot into knitting.

FLAT KNITTING

If you start knitting at peg #1 and work your way around to the last peg, you can reverse direction and work your way back to the first. When you are at the first peg again, reverse. If the circle never closes, the piece will remain flat. If you work round after round, the knitting will be closed, like when making hats.