

Learn to Loom Knit for Your Dolls



COPYRIGHT

Copyright 2014 Sherralyn St. Clair

Version 08/19/14

ISBN-13: 978-1500203085

ISBN-10: 1500203084

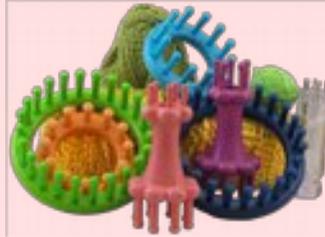
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Front and back cover: The brunette doll is Emma from the Springfield Collection®.

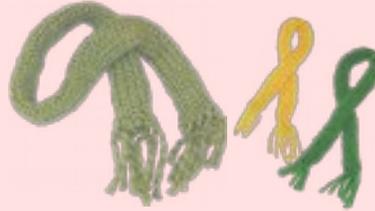


Table of Contents

Getting Started.....4



Doll Scarves.....6



Doll Drawstring Backpacks.....15



Doll Hats.....24



Doll Mittens.....31



Getting Started

When I started writing books on sewing for dolls, I decided that I should learn to knit. A well dressed doll needs a few hand knitted items in her wardrobe. I took a class in traditional knitting using two knitting needles. I enjoyed this type of knitting very much, but I did not learn to knit clothes for dolls. Then I discovered loom knitting. It is easy to learn and fast to do. I taught myself to loom knit some things for dolls. This book teaches beginning loom knitting, and explains how to make several knitted items for dolls. If you enjoy these projects, you might decide to learn traditional knitting or to learn more about loom knitting.

Meet Florabunda

May I introduce Florabunda? She is a small doll that I designed and made. She lives in my sewing room and gets into all sorts of trouble. She helped with my book called *Learn to Sew for your Doll* and she wants to help with this loom knitting book.

About This Book

If you have finished looking for tiny space aliens, may have your attention? I would like to tell you more about this book. The instructions in this book will teach you how to loom knit a scarf, a drawstring backpack, a hat, and mittens, for three sizes of dolls. The things that you knit for large dolls will fit American Girl® dolls; my cloth doll, Kitty; dolls from the Springfield Collection®; and other 18" (46 cm) dolls. The knits that you make for mini dolls will fit American Girl® mini dolls; my cloth doll, Twinkle; and other 6½" (16.5 cm) dolls. The knits that you make for small dolls will fit Florabunda; Madame Alexander's®

Wendy; and other 7½" (19 cm) dolls. If you are just learning loom knitting, I suggest that you loom knit for the large doll first. To learn how to use the knitters, start by making the scarf for the large doll. Work through all the large doll projects in order. Then go back and work through the small or mini doll projects.



Hello, nice Loom Knitting Student. My first knitting tip is, "Check all space ship shaped spool knitters for tiny space aliens." You don't want them to get tangled up in your knitting.



Any special instructions for the smaller doll sizes are colored yellow, so if you are working on large doll projects, you can skip the yellow sections.

Equipment and Yarn You Will Need

Here are the things that you will need to make all the projects in this book:



1. Yarn skeins
2. Loom knitters
3. Loom knitting tool
4. Scissors
5. Tape measure
6. Plastic needle
7. Needle threader (Use a hook style threader. A wire loop style is too weak.)
8. Stitch counter
9. Stitch markers
10. Tiny Space Alien (TSA) (optional)



I'm glad that TSAs are optional, because I'm having trouble finding one.



Doll Scarves

Doll scarves are the easiest projects in this book, so if you are just learning loom knitting, you should begin with them. When you make the doll scarves, you will learn how to cast-on; knit the no-wrap knit stitch; and bind-off while making a fringe.

Knitting Looms and Yarn



To knit a scarf for your large 18" (46 cm) doll, you need a large spool loom with 5 pegs on one end and 8 pegs on the other end. I used both Knifty Knitter™'s Spool Loom and Boye®'s Jumbo Spool Knitter. They look a lot alike and the scarf will come out the same on either knitter.



For small and mini dolls.

To knit a scarf for your small and mini dolls, you need a spool loom with 6 pegs. The pegs should be smaller and closer together than the large spool knitter pegs. I used Susan Bates® Medium French Knitter. Use size 2 (sport or baby yarn) for small and mini doll scarves. I used Lion Brand® yarns bonbons.

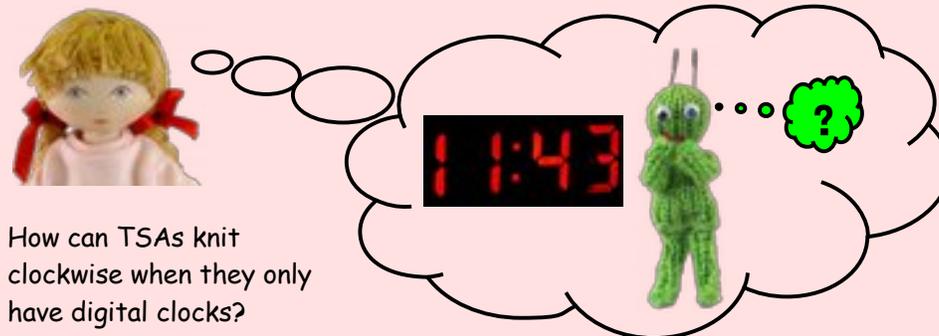
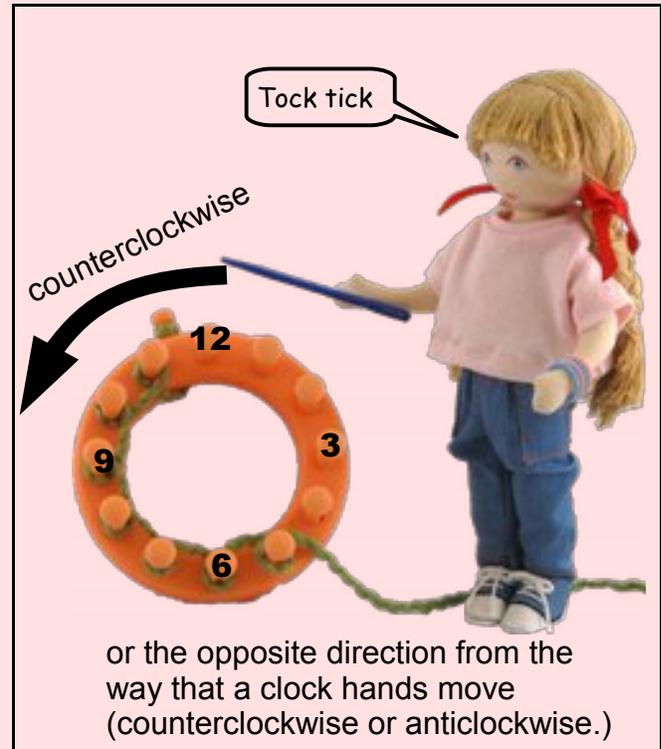
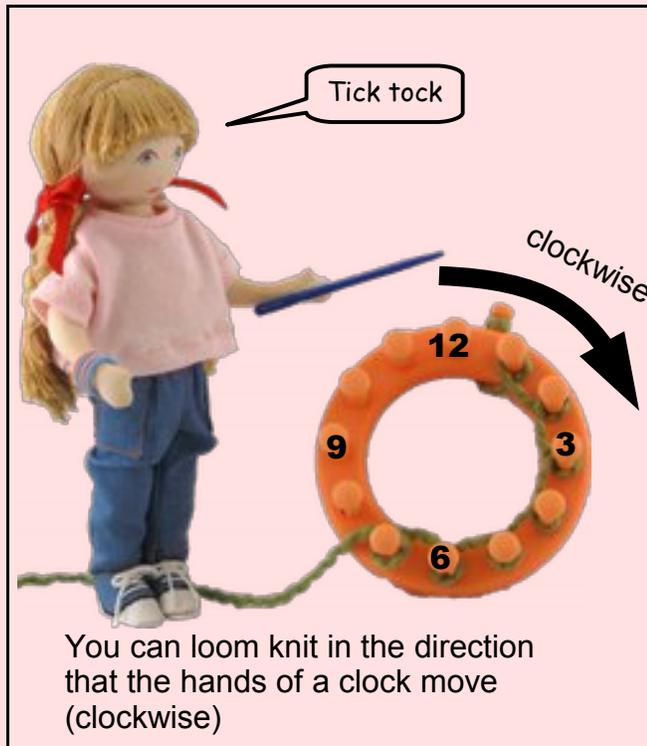


Use size 5 (bulky) yarn or size 4 (medium) yarn for all large doll knitting projects in this book. I used both Lion Brand® Yarns Homespun (bulky) and Nature's Choice Organic Cotton (medium). Some medium yarns may not be thick enough.

If you use medium yarn it should be fuzzy. You can find the size of the yarn on the paper wrapper around the yarn.

Clockwise or Counterclockwise

The pictures in this book will show knitting in a clockwise direction. If you like to knit counterclockwise, the knitting projects in this book will be just fine.



The e-wrap Cast-On

What is Casting-On and e-wrap?

Setting up your knitting loom with your yarn so that you can knit is called **casting-on**. The method of casting-on that we will use for all the projects in this book is called **e-wrap**. It is called e-wrap because the yarn looks like a circle of cursive-*e*s wrapped around the loom pegs.



Now it is time to cast-on yarn on your spool knitting loom. For your large doll's scarf, cast-on yarn on the eight peg side of the large spool knitting loom.



Drop the yarn down through middle of the spool knitter. Pull the end of the yarn to the outside of the knitter and hold it next to the shaft.



Wrap yarn around the first peg. The yarn should cross to make a cursive-*e* on the inside of the knitter. Continue casting-on.



When all the pegs except the beginning peg and the last peg are connected, it is time to begin knitting.