

This is Art Club! French Knitting Loom

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What you'll need!

- A. Toilet Roll Tube
- B. Craft Sticks/ Ice Lolly Sticks (x4)
- C. Hot Glue Gun
- D. Masking Tape
- E. Small Buttons (x4)
- F. Acrylic Paint
- G. 3 Different Colours of Wool Yarn

Part one Make the French knitting loom



French Knitting has been used to make garments for centuries. Using a small spool-like device, the simple technique allowed garments to be designed with yarn to produce tubular shapes for objects like scarves, hats and toys. This guide will teach you how to make an easy-to-use loom and a simple French knitting pattern.

1 Paint the toilet roll and sticks

Artist Tip: Make sure to paint both the sides and edges.

Paint your toilet roll and ice lolly sticks in your chosen colours. Apply multiple layers of paint on the roll and decorate in your style.

2 Glue sticks to your toilet roll

Artist Tip: place marks on the tube where you want to place the sticks before you begin glueing.

Once the toilet roll and sticks are dry, apply hot glue to a stick and place inside the tube. Repeat 3 more times, leaving even space between each stick. Glue them in place with one third of the stick extending over the edge.

3 Secure sticks with masking tape

After the glue is dry, stick masking tape inside the roll to keep sticks secure.

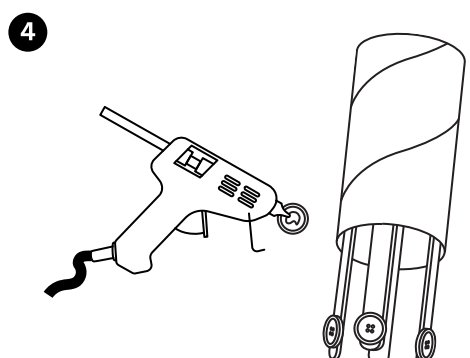
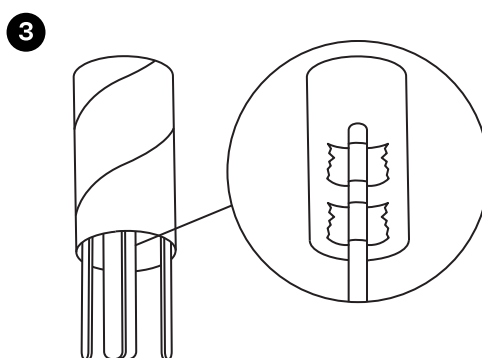
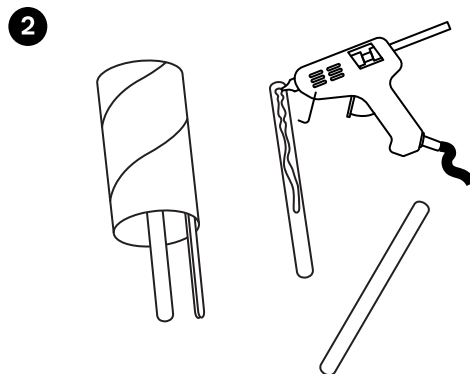
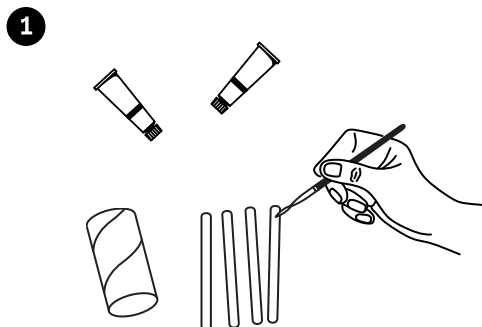
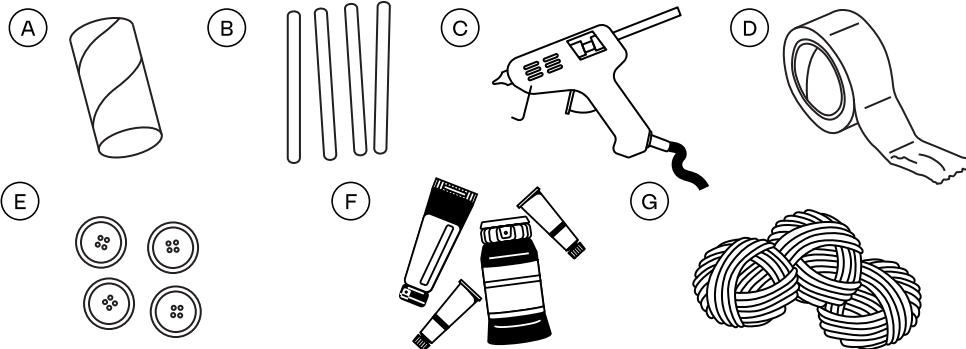
4 Glue buttons to stick

Artist Tip: Be careful! glue guns can be hot to touch.

Hot glue small buttons to each ice lolly stick. This will protect your wool from sliding off. Allow the glue to dry.

5 Start French knitting!

Follow the example on the next page of how to make a basic knit using your new toilet paper loom, the pattern below is for a friendship bracelet.



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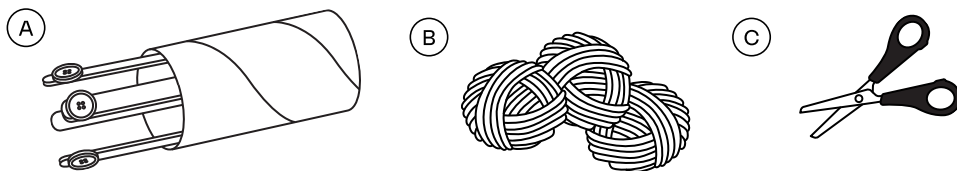
What you'll need!

- A. Your Loom
- B. 3 Different Colours of Wool Yarn
- C. Scissors

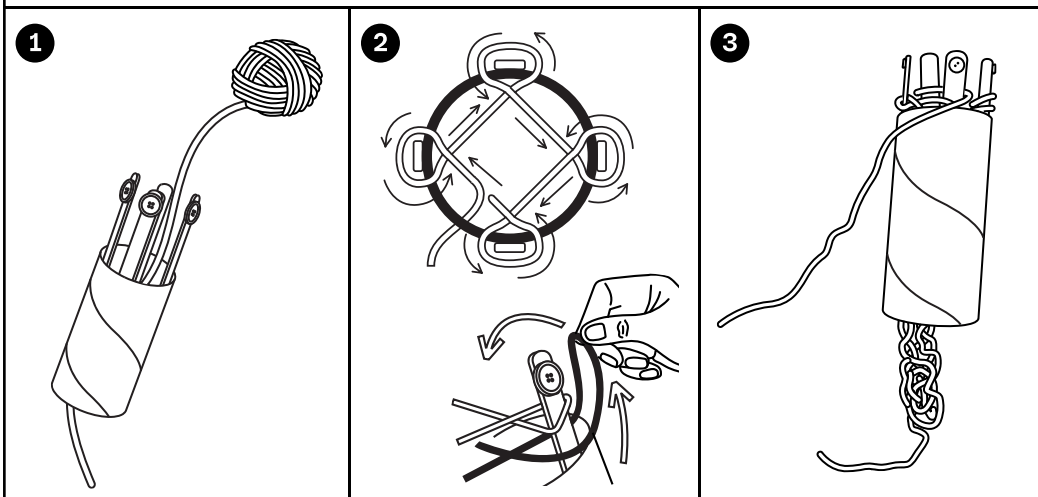
Part two Use your loom to French knit



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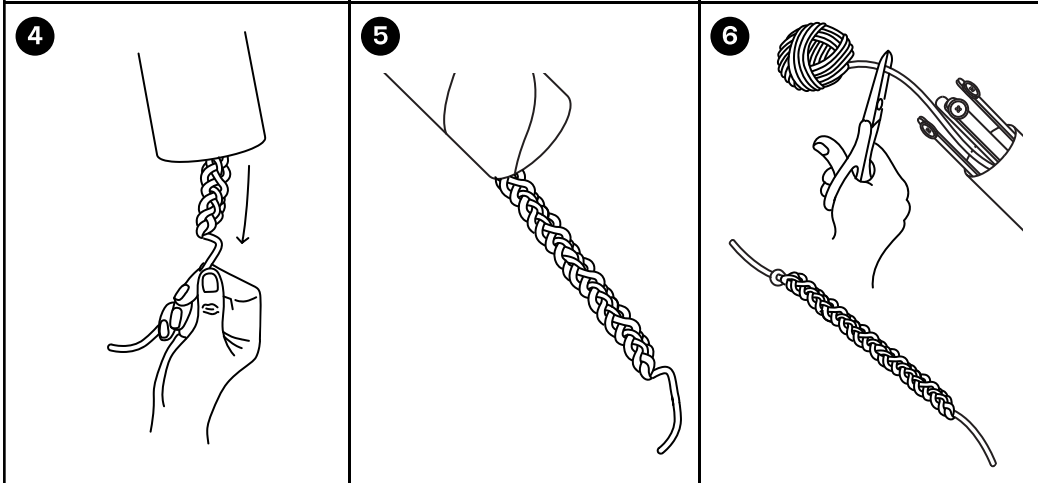
- 1 Feed the wool through the tube** Select your chosen wool and pull it through the tube of the loom.
Artist Tip: If it's your first time try using a thinner wool.



- 2 Wind the wool in this pattern** Slowly begin to wind the wool around the lollipop sticks in the pattern outlined in the diagram. Pass the bottom loop over the top all the way around.

- 3 Repeat the pattern over and over!** Repeat this action in a clockwise pattern around the loom, the tubular knit will emerge from the bottom of the tube.

- 4 Make sure the loop is tight** Make sure the knit/stitches are tight enough, pull the tubular knit after each rotation to keep the stitches tight.



- 5 Keep looping** After 10 minutes of knitting, you should have a friendship bracelet that is long enough to wrap around your wrist.

- 6 Tie a knot and finish!** Once your bracelet is long enough, cut your bracelet free, leaving some extra length to use for a knot. Tie a knot in the end to stop the threads coming undone.
Artist Tip: Be careful! Scissors can be dangerous