

Loom Knitting

Horizontal Striped Hat



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Introduction

Thank you for purchasing this Horizontal Striped Hat pattern from Loom Knitting.

This pattern assumes you have little or no experience using single rake looms. Techniques used for this pattern include how to cast on, make the e-wrap stitch, make a brim, change colors, and use the gathered removal method. If you need help with these, or would like to learn additional basics, please refer to our free downloadable book *Getting Started on Round Looms*.

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Wishing you much success and pleasure with your loom knitting,
Anne Bipes

Overview:

This hat is a basic beginning project using the round looms. It is knit from the open end to the top of the head. The size loom you use will determine the size of the hat. Other factors in hat size include the gauge of the yarn and the stitch you use. The basic e-wrap stitch has a good amount of stretch for a hat.

A general guideline for hat brims and lengths is:

Hat Size	Loom Diameter	Approx. # Pegs	Length to Turn Up Brim	Total Length
Infant hat	5"	24	3"	5-1/2 - 6-1/2"
Child hat	7"	31	4"	7 - 8"
Youth/Adult hat	9"	36	5"	8 - 9"
Large adult hat	11"	41	6"	8 - 9"

Most any gauge yarn that will hold its shape will work. The sample hats were made with a single strand of medium worsted weight yarn on the blue (1/2" gauge) and green (5/8" gauge) round Knifty Knitter looms.

Materials Needed:

- Large gauge knitting loom
- Hook tool
- 1 skein worsted weight or heavier yarn for Main Color
- 1 skein yarn of similar weight for Contrast Color
- Tape measure
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

Skills Used:

- E-wrap stitch
- Turning up a brim
- Changing colors
- Gathered removal method

Directions:

Row 1, Cast on: Using your Main Color, make a slip knot with your yarn, leaving about a 6" tail. Put the slip knot on the anchor peg and gently tighten it just so it stays.



Move the yarn to the inside of the loom, straight up from the anchor peg. Then bring it around a peg in a circle to the inside of the loom again. Do this again for the next peg. Continue all the way around the loom. Notice that the yarn crosses over itself on the inside of the loom, and there is a single wrap of yarn on the outside of each peg.

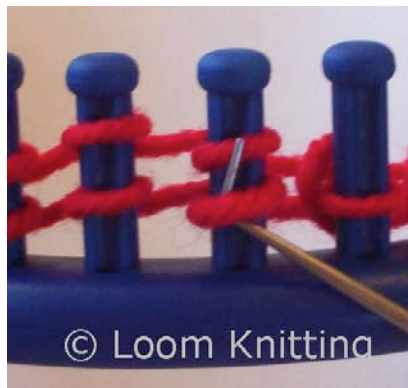


Once you get to the beginning, go all the way around again. Make sure the second row of loops is above the first row. When you finish the second row, you will see there are two loops on each peg.



Wrap the yarn around the anchor peg a couple times to secure it, or you can use a half hitch.

To knit off, insert the hook tool into the lower loop.



Pull the stitch over the top loop, and over the top of the peg, to the inside of the loom.



Continue knitting off all the pegs, until they have just one loop on them.

Brim rows: E-wrap the loom once, and knit off all the pegs. Continue to do this until you have knit as many rows as you want for the brim. Remember, the finished brim will be half the height as the knitting on the loom.

Bring up brim: Notice that from each peg is a row of stitches that looks like a braid. Follow the braid from the peg all the way down to the cast-on edge. You will bring the loop at the bottom of the braid up to the peg at the top of the braid. It may be helpful to start with the very first peg next to the anchor peg, as the starting tail shows where the first loop is on the cast-on edge.



Notice the cast-on edge looks like a braid. (It's clearest on the upper right side of the picture below.) The loops closest to the right side of the fabric are the ones you want to put onto the pegs. Put one loop on each peg all the way around the loom.



Tuck the starting tail into the brim just before you put the last few loops onto the pegs. Make sure your working yarn is between the first and last pegs.



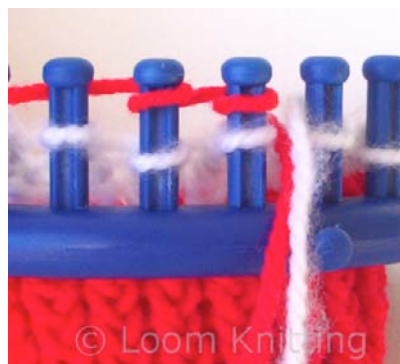
Change to Contrast Color: Before knitting off the brim, secure the contrast yarn on the anchor peg and e-wrap the loom once.



Knit off two-over-one to complete the brim by bringing the two loops of the main color up and over the one loop of the contrast color. Cut the main color yarn, leaving a 6" tail.

Stripe Rows: E-wrap and knit all pegs in the round until you have completed as many rows as you want the stripe to be.

Change to Main Color: At the end of the last row of the stripe color, cut the contrast yarn, leaving a 6" tail. Start wrapping the next row with the main color.

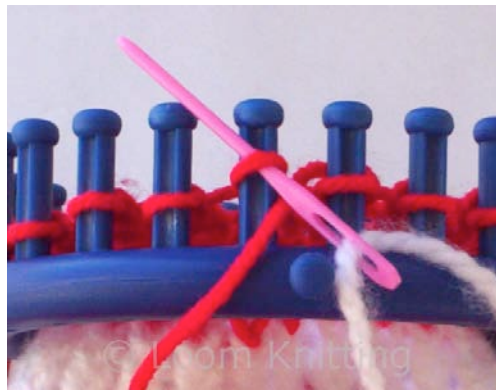


Hat top: E-wrap and knit all pegs in the round until your hat is as long as you would like it to be.

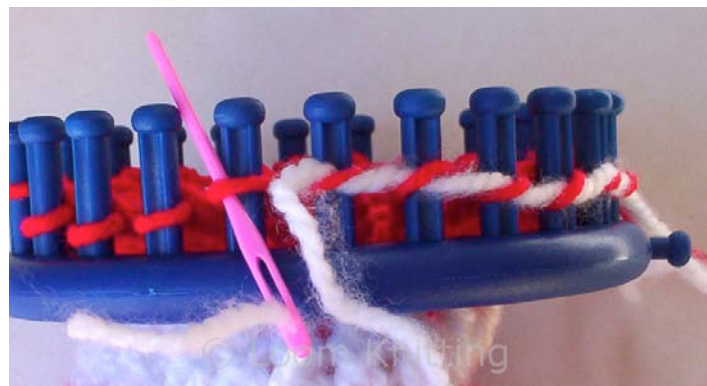
Remove the knitting from the loom with the gathered removal method.

You should have a single loop on each peg, with your working yarn at the last peg before the anchor peg. Cut your working yarn, leaving a 6” tail. Cut a length of yarn that is a little more than twice the diameter of your loom. (You can wrap it around the outside of the pegs twice, then add about 6” more.) Thread this yarn onto a blunt end tapestry needle. (Use the same color as the knitting; a contrast color was used in the pictures for clarity.)

Starting at the first peg, bring the needle through the loop, the same way as you did with your hook tool. Instead of lifting the loop up and over, pull the needle and the yarn through the loop. Make sure to keep about a 6” tail hanging below the first peg. Leave the loop on the peg.



Now bring the needle through the loop on the second peg, and pull the yarn through as well. Continue all the way around the loom until you have reached the last peg.



Now bring the needle through the loop on the first peg again. Leave the needle on the yarn strand.



Remove the loops from all the pegs. Turn your piece inside out.

Let the tail of the knitting piece dangle out of the way. Pull on the two ends of the gathering yarn until the opening of the tube is cinched closed.



Tie the two ends of the gathering yarn together. Pick up the knitting tail and include it when tying the ends.

Weave the ends into the knitting, or cut the yarn about 1/2" from the knot.

Weave in the yarn ends where you changed colors.

Notice, on the inside of the hat, that there is a hole where you switched colors. Wrap the two tails around each other once, so they each do a U-turn and are laying over their own color. This closes up the hole where the yarn traveling from one stitch to another would be.



Thread a tail onto the tapestry needle. Weave the needle in and out of stitches of the same yarn color for 2-3". For additional security of your yarn tail, turn around and weave back the way you came.



Weave in remaining yarn tails, being sure to weave the tail into the knitting of the same color. Trim tails close to weaving, or leave a 1/2" piece on each. Turn the hat right side out.

