

A Knack for Knitting

Loom knitter and author Anne Bipes turned her daughter's hobby into a creative business

I made my way to Plymouth from California, where I grew up, in 1993. **▶ I started loom knitting in 2004** when my daughter wanted to learn to knit a hat. I had taught her to knit a scarf on knitting needles, but I didn't know enough about knitting to tackle double-pointed needles or circular needles. I remembered seeing some round looms at a craft store and thought those might be easier to use to knit a hat. **▶ Loom knitting is easier than** needle knitting because your stitches are uniform, and you can't accidentally add or drop a stitch. **▶ I started my blog** (www.LoomKnittingBlog.blogspot.com) as a way to share what goes on behind-the-scenes of my Web business (www.LoomKnitting.com). On the blog people can learn about techniques, or get explanations of patterns, or even see some of my mistakes. **▶ The thing I enjoy most about teaching is** seeing the light in people's eyes when they realize they can knit after all. **▶ People would be surprised to know that** you can do just about everything on looms that you can do with knitting needles. I'm still working on lace, but increasing and decreasing stitches, cables, sweaters, afghans—they can all be knit with looms. **▶ All my daughter's friends know me as** the knitting lady. And I love sharing what I'm doing when people watch me with curiosity. —LK

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