



KNITTING

Knitting is the method of making fabric by interlocking loops of yarn around each other using one or more knitting needles. Fabrics that have been knitted are more stretchable than woven ones

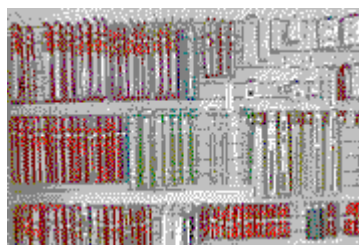
Knitting is a craft that has been around for centuries. People used to knit fishnets, stockings, and there were even a pair of knitted socks found in an Egyptian tomb. During the 600's knitting guilds, or craft groups, were forming all through Europe. To join a guild, knitters served as apprentices for 6 years. To determine when you could enter the guild you had to be able to knit shirts, stockings, and berets.

In 1589, William Lee invented the first knitting machine. William was very well known because of his attempts to impress Queen Elizabeth with a pair of knitted stockings. The queen asked for a pair of silk stockings. William presented the queen with silk stockings but she wasn't pleased enough to grant him a patent on his machine, which he had asked for. He wasn't convinced to quit though as he started an operation for King Henry IV

Around the 1600's and 1700's knitting machines were known world wide and more fancy and elaborate patterns were being knit.

Knitting designs that are done at home are usually items such as sweaters, mittens, socks, and scarves. Basic knitting is done by using two needles and one or more balls of yarn. To knit you have to hold the yarn with a needle to form loops and then pass rows of loops from one needle to another. The materials you will need are pretty basic. They include:

Needles: Needles vary in shape and size and are between 7 to 14 inches long. You can easily get them in craft stores or sometimes in convenience stores near you. Remember the bigger the needles the bulkier the knitting will be.



Yarn: Yarns come in all different kinds and textures. You can get wool, silk, cotton, and synthetics like acrylic. You will also need patterns and knitting accessories are available in craft stores.

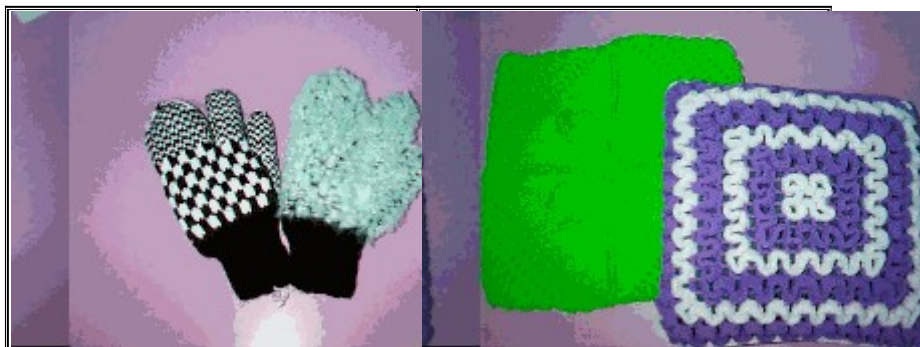


This is me wearing my art project

This is my knitted scarf

The steps that I followed to construct my scarf are:

1. I gathered my yarn and needles
2. Secondly I had to cast on
3. Then I started knitting, there are several different kinds of stitches. I used a garter stitch.
4. To finish off my scarf I had to cast off and I created fringes at the end.



Thrummed knitted trigger mitts by Judy Holloway

Knitted pillow shams by Gertie Butt



Knitted dress by Ann Butt

There are three parts that make up the knitting industry, they include hosiery, outerwear, and fabrics. Knitting has expanded greatly since the 1960's.

When panty hose were invented they became really popular and caused a revolution in the hosiery industry. Sweaters were also very common in outerwear.

Today, because of modern technology knitting is quicker and easier because of the use of knitting machines. All knitting machines include a needle. The needle moves up and down while pulling newly forming loops through other loops that are being slipped off to form the body of the fabric.

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Here are a few websites that I located which are useful in search for knitting:

<http://knitting.about.com/hobbies/knitting/library/ncloth1.htm>

<http://www.vogueknitting.com/>

[http://www.knitting.about.com/hobbies/knitting/
library/weekly/aa030997.htm](http://www.knitting.about.com/hobbies/knitting/library/weekly/aa030997.htm)