

# Loom Knitting

Loom knitting is a fun, easy way to make a variety of items, including hats, scarves, blankets, and more. It is a traditional art that has been practiced since the Middle Ages. Hand-knitted items make great holiday gifts!

Join us for this workshop, where we will learn how to knit several different items with knitting looms. Adults and youth are both welcome to participate (Adults from 4-H families may participate even if their children are not attending).

Items made in this workshop can be entered in Visual Arts-Heritage Arts for the 4-H Fair.



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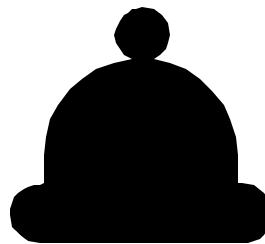
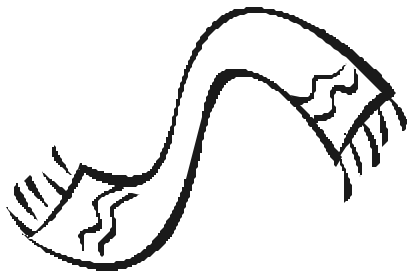
## Important Details:

**Saturday, November 7**

**9:00 a.m.-noon**

Bureau County  
Extension Office

**Call (815) 875-  
2878 by  
November 6 to  
pre-register.  
Please bring the  
items listed below  
to the class.**



## Loom Knitting Workshop Supply List

Please bring:

- Knitting Loom(s) - see back of flyer for more info on choosing a loom
- Knitting Loom Hook\*—see back of flyer for more info
- Plastic yarn needle\*—see back of flyer for more info
- At least two skeins of coordinating yarn (any yarn will work – see back for tips)
- Scissors
- \$5 fee to cover handouts and refreshments



## Choosing a Loom

There are several different kinds of looms you can use for knitting. Different types of looms can be used for different types of projects.



**Round Circular Looms** are used most often to make hats, but can also be used for a variety of other things. You can knit one-sided panels on circular looms as well, which means you can use them to make washcloths, scarves, etc. The size of the loom determines how large of a hat you can make. Many times these are sold in kits with several different sizes.



**Long Circular Looms** are similar to the round ones, but “squished,” so you can make two-sided projects or one-sided projects. You can use them to make two-sided scarves, blankets, panels, etc. They can also be used to make hats; however, the looms are not small enough to make infant-sized hats.



A **Flower Loom** is used to make flower decorations and to make very tiny projects, such as baby booties or pot scrubbers.



**Rectangle Looms** are used for a variety of projects, most often scarves and blankets. A rectangle loom can be used to make two-sided knitting panels.



**Knitting boards** can also be used to make double-sided projects. Because they may have much narrower pegs (and more of them) they will often produce narrower stitches. Some knitting boards are adjustable so you can make different sized projects with the same board.

In general, plastic looms are cheaper than wooden ones. It is your personal choice which to buy—any will work for this workshop. Knitting looms are available at Wal-Mart, Hobby Lobby, and Joann Fabrics, as well as other local knitting stores. Hobby Lobby and Jo-Ann Fabrics often have 40% off coupons in their weekly flyers, if the looms are not already on sale.

***\*If you buy a set of looms, they will often come with the hook and the yarn needle included—be sure to check the loom(s) you buy to see if these items are included.***

## Choosing Yarn

There are many, many different types of yarn to choose from when making a project. You can use regular yarn or fancy yarn for this workshop. Be sure to read the label on the yarn for washing instructions, so you know how to take care of your project when it is finished. Also, look at the weight of the yarn—this will be a number from 0 to 6. For this workshop, weights 3 (light) to 6 (super bulky) are recommended. Most craft stores, Wal-Mart, and even Big Lots carry yarn. Learn more about yarn at <http://www.yarnstandards.com/weight.html>.

If you have any questions about the materials needed for this workshop, please call Jennifer at the Extension office (815) 875-2878.