

Loomtastic!

Make 2 sizes
of hats on the same loom!
The original adjustable size hat loom.

ADJUSTABLE HAT LOOM INSTRUCTIONS

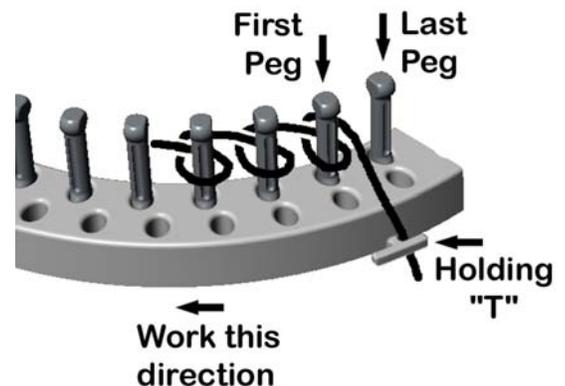
Size	NEWBORN	INFANT	CHILD	ADULT
Fits ages	0 – 4 months	4 months – 5 years	5 – 12 years	12 years – Adult
Ring and loom to use	Inner ring Small loom	Outer ring Small loom	Inner ring Large loom	Outer ring Large loom
Amount of Knitting Worsted weight yarn	½ - 1 oz	1 ½ - 2 oz	2 – 3 oz	3 – 4 oz
Total length of finished hat	4 – 5 inches	6 – 7 inches	7 – 9 inches	8 – 10 inches
Length to make brim	2 inches	3 inches	4 inches	6 inches
Finished brim size	1 inch	1 ½ inches	2 inches	3 inches

YARN: Instructions are for using basic Knitting Worsted (K.W.) weight yarn. See table for approximate quantity of yarn used for each size of hat. Always use 2 strands of K.W. yarn held together. In place of 2 strands of K.W. yarn, you could use 1 strand of a super bulky yarn, or 3 strands of DK weight yarn held together, etc. Use your odds and ends to make striped hats. Try fancy novelty yarns for a unique hat. We suggest that you do not use 100% cotton yarns, because they do not stretch very well.

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT: Use a tapestry needle – size 14 or 16 to run yarn ends into work. Use a pom-pom maker or tassel maker for finishing the top of your hat if desired.

INSERTING THE PEGS: Decide which of the two sizes of hats you are going to make (see chart for suggested ages & sizes). Insert the pegs into the appropriate set of holes, all the way around the loom. For best results, use the wide, flat end of the hooking tool to spread the ends of the pegs apart slightly below the loom. For purposes of illustration the figure below shows the pegs in the inner holes. Pegs can be changed at any time.

ROUND #1: Attach the yarn (2 strands of K.W.) to the holding 'T' and place yarn to the inside of the loom between the first and last pegs. Wrapping from the inside of the loom, wrap yarn loosely around the first peg, going in a counter-clockwise direction around the peg. See illustration. This wrap should be around the bottom third of the peg. Continue working around the loom in a clockwise direction, wrapping each peg loosely in a counter-clockwise direction, ending back at the holding 'T'. *Note that the looseness of the yarn in the illustration is exaggerated to detail the direction of wraps. Also note that the yarn is not shown attached to the 'T' in the illustration. Simply wrap the yarn around the 'T' 1 or 2 times.*



ROUND #2: Continue in a clockwise direction around the loom wrapping pegs as in Round 1, making the second wrap towards the top of the peg. When the second round of wraps is completed (2 wraps on each peg), pull the working yarn between the first and last peg toward the outside and secure by wrapping around the holding 'T'.

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ROUND #3: Hold the Loomtastic loom so you are looking at the holding ‘T’ and the pegs are pointing upward. Using the special Loomtastic hooking tool knit off stitches as follows. Starting with the first peg, pick up the bottom wrap (2 strands of K.W. weight yarn) and pull up and over the top wrap and off the peg - leaving only the top wrap on the peg. Continue knitting off stitches around the loom until you have returned to the holding ‘T’. This completes one row. Push the remaining wraps down to the middle of each peg.

Repeat Rounds 2 & 3 for each row. Once a few rows have been completed, remove the starting strand of yarn from the holding ‘T’ and let it hang down on the inside of the loom.

OPTIONAL STRIPES: If you are making stripes, simply tie new yarn to old with a square knot at the start of Round 2 and wrap row with new color. When finishing your hat simply weave ends from knot into knitting using a tapestry needle.

ROLLED BRIM: for a rolled “fashion” brim simply knit the hat as in Rounds 2 & 3. The hat will roll towards the outside naturally.

DOUBLE BRIM: For a heavier, warmer, doubled brim, knit in the normal fashion, twice the desired finished length of the doubled brim (see table for suggested length). End by doing a knit round (#3). Instead of doing another round of wraps (#2), reach inside of the Loomtastic loom, grab hold of the hat and pull the first row of knitting up to the pegs. Place the starting yarn strand on the holding ‘T’ to make sure stitches line up properly. Going around the entire Loomtastic loom, place the yarn (2 strands of K.W.) from the first row onto each corresponding peg. Knit off stitches as in Round 3 to knit two layers of the hat together to make a doubled brim. Then continue Rounds 2 & 3 for desired length.

FINISHING THE HAT: Continue knitting (rounds 2 & 3) until desired length - see table. End with Round #3 - only one wrap of yarn is now on each peg. When work is the proper length, cut the working strand of yarn to about 20 inches for small loom or 30 inches for large loom. See option #3 below for “fuzzy” yarns.

EASIEST FINISHING OPTION #1 - USING A TAPESTRY NEEDLE: Thread a tapestry needle on the end of the working yarn. Starting at the first peg, run the needle through the wrap on the peg, pulling the yarn tight through the wrap. Continue around the loom, pulling the working end of the yarn through the wrap on each peg. When back to the holding ‘T’ pull all wraps off the pegs around the loom. Pull hat inside out and cinch up the hat until the hole in the center is gone. Tie off end of working yarn and run several inches of yarn into work to finish. Trim excess yarn. NOTE: This technique does not work well with “fuzzy” yarns.

FASTEST FINISHING OPTION #2 - FINISHING USING THE LOOMTASTIC TOOL: Lay the yarn across the OUTSIDE of the first peg (do not wrap around the peg), above the wrap already on the peg. With the hooking tool, reach under the wrap on the peg, grab the working yarn, and pull it back under the wrap. Pull the working yarn completely through the wrap so the end is free. Continue with the next peg around the loom so the working end of the yarn now passes through each wrap on the loom. When back to the holding ‘T’, take all wraps off the pegs. Pull hat inside out and cinch up the hat until the hole in the center is gone. Tie off working yarn and run ends into work to finish. Trim excess yarn. NOTE: This technique does not work well with “fuzzy” yarns.

FINISHING OPTION #3: FOR HATS KNIT WITH FUZZY YARN: Cut a 2 foot (for small loom) or 3 foot (for large loom) length of a similar color yarn that has a smooth texture. Tie smooth yarn to working yarn, using a square knot, as close as possible to the last wrap on loom. Now follow instructions under finishing option #1 or #2 above to finish hat, using the smooth texture yarn as the working end.

OTHER IDEAS: Use your Hat Loom to make scarves, afghans, doll blankets, etc. Visit us online at www.loomtastic.com for new patterns and accessories coming soon.

- Loomtastic hat looms carry a 5-year warrantee against breakage or cracking under normal usage.
- Extra pegs are included with each unit in case of loss or breakage.