

# FRENCH KNITTING

Follow the instructions below to create your own French knitting tube.

## MATERIALS NEEDED

- Empty cardboard bathroom tissue roll
- Four Popsicle sticks
- Glue or Tape
- Yarn
- Scissors
- Colourful paper (optional)

## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Place the popsicle sticks across from each other on the cardboard tube. They should be about the same height, sticking up about half an inch above the tube. Put some glue on each popsicle stick and press it onto the tube for a few seconds. If using tape, tape the top and bottom of each stick to the tube to make it more secure. You can use separate pieces of tape for each stick.
- 2 If you want, decorate your tube with colourful paper! Cut a rectangle of paper that is the same height as the tube and long enough to wrap around it. Use glue or tape to attach the paper to the tube.
- 3 Take the end of your yarn and thread it down through the middle of the tube. Make sure the popsicle sticks are pointing up, and let a few inches of yarn hang out of the bottom.
- 4 Start wrapping your yarn around the popsicle sticks! First, go behind each stick, then cross the yarn in front. Keep wrapping the yarn around each stick, one at a time, until every stick has two loops of yarn.
- 5 Now, on each popsicle stick, take the bottom loop of yarn and pull it over the top loop and off the stick. The top loop should stay on. Do this for all the sticks until each one has only one loop left.
- 6 After each round, gently pull on the tail of the yarn that's hanging out of the bottom of the tube.
- 7 Keep wrapping the yarn around the sticks, going behind and then in front, until each stick has two loops again.
- 8 Keep repeating this process—pull the bottom loop over the top loop, then wrap more yarn around. Every few rounds, gently tug on the yarn tail at the bottom. Soon, you'll see your knitted piece growing!
- 9 When your knitting is as long as you want, cut the yarn from the ball, but leave about six inches of extra yarn. Thread this end through each loop on the popsicle sticks, then remove the loops from the sticks. Pull the yarn tight and tie a double knot to secure it.

Follows a sequence of steps to create an artwork



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