

# finger knitting

Finger knitting is fun activity to learn at home and when it gets easy for you, you can finger knit almost anywhere. All you need is some yarn, scissors and your fingers!

You can finger knit with two, three or four fingers. The simple snake example below, using two fingers, is a great place to start.

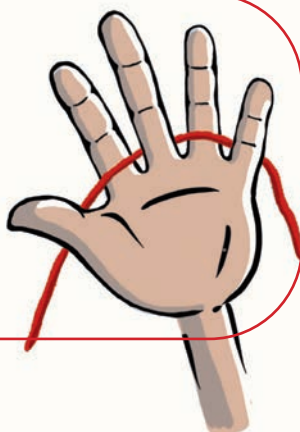
## basic finger knitting

You will need:

- Yarn (8ply or up is a good thickness to start with)
- Scissors
- Your fingers

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Wrap your yarn over the top of one finger then behind the finger next to it.



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Bring your lower loops over the upper loops and over the top of each finger. If you are using double yarn, be sure to carry both strands together.



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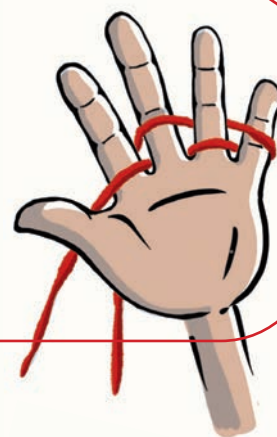
Place the yarn across your hand, so the tail of the yarn hangs behind your hand and is held in place by your thumb.

*The snake example below uses two different coloured strands of yarn as one to create a scale-like effect.*



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Turn around the last finger and return to the start. Then repeat, creating two rows of yarn on each of your two fingers



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Repeat steps 2-4 until you have the length you would like for your yarn rope.

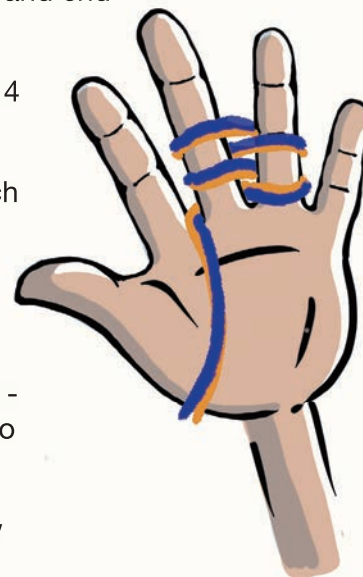


# snake with two-finger finger knitting

You will need:

- Yarn (2 colours) (8ply or up)
- Googly eyes
- Glue or glue dots
- Scissors
- Your fingers

- 1 Create the body of your snake by following step 1-5 above, just using two fingers and double yarn, until you have the length you want for your snake (about 20-25 cm works well)
- 2 Create the thicker head of your snake by using more fingers. For your next row, wrap your yarn around your outer fingers at the start and end of the row. Weaving over and under, across each row.
- 3 Bring your lower loops over your centre two fingers (as in step 4 of basic finger knitting). You now have four fingers to knit with.
- 4 Continue weaving using each of your four fingers and take each bottom row over the back of each finger.
- 5 Repeat step 4 three more times.
- 6 Take the loop on the outer finger and put it on to its inner neighbour. Do the same with the loop on the other outer finger - placing that on its neighbour so you have two rows on your two centre fingers.
- 7 Take the lower loops over and behind each finger. You are now back to two finger knitting for just one stitch – weaving around each finger - just once.
- 8 To cast off, take the loop on one finger and place it on the last finger holding yarn. Loop it on to the middle finger. Then take the lower loop on that finger up and over to the back.
- 9 Cut your yarn so 10-15cm remains - then thread that yarn through the loop at the top of your snake where you have just cast off and tug gently to tighten a little.
- 10 To tuck the remaining yarn away, thread the yarn back through the centre of the snake's head and trim off remaining.
- 11 Create your snake's tongue by taking some red yarn and threading it through the tip of the snake's head till you have an even amount of yarn each side (approx. 8cm) and tie a knot. Then tie another knot 2cm down the yarn and trim leaving a forked tongue.
- 12 Stick two googly eyes on the top of your snake's head and there you have your slithering snake.

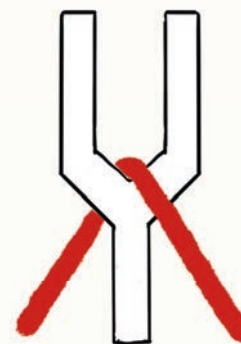


# pom poms

You will need:

- Pom pom maker\*
- Yarn (min 8 ply)
- Scissors

\*Make your own pom pom maker at home with cardboard by cutting out two identical C- shaped circular discs with a hole in the middle and a small (2cm gap cut out) You can use a glass to trace outer circle and a coin to trace centre circle.



**1** Cut a small length of yarn (approx.15-20cm) and lay it across in the middle of the pom pom maker (prong/fork style loom) or between the discs following the C shape (donut style loom), with even lengths sticking out from discs.

**2** Wrap your yarn firmly all around your pom pom maker so that it is thickly covered.

**3** The thicker you cover the fluffier your poms pom will be, but if you cover too thickly it will be more difficult to cut.

**4** Tie together your first length of yarn around your windings as tight as possible and knot (prong style) or take the two strands of yarn into centre of discs and tie but do not knot (donut style) .

**5** Take your scissors and cut along the grooved out edge of the fork (prong style) or between the discs around the outer edge, holding on to the two yarn strands as you cut (donut style).

**6** Remove the yarn from your pom pom maker, tighten and securely knot the middle yarn (donut style), tease it out and trim any stray bits of yarn.

**7** You can turn your pom poms into animals like a kangaroo, by cutting a kangaroo head, tail and feet out of paper and sticking them on with sticky dots or glue...or some googly eyes too.





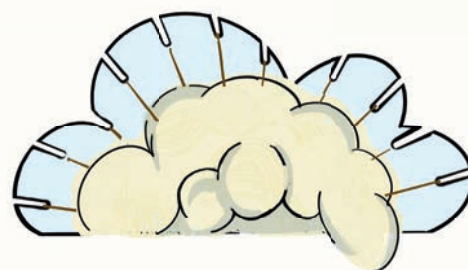
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# woven cloud with silver lining

You will need:

- Cloud template.
- Masking tape
- Scissors
- 2 metres (approx. 20 grams) of wool tops/roving (natural white)
- Silver yarn or thread (4 ply thickness minimum)
- Wool needles – with blunt ends (plastic or metal)

- 1 Create your template for your cloud, using cardboard.
- 2 Cut 2cm deep slots, about 3cm apart around the top edge of your cloud. Then create just one slot in the centre of the base of your cloud template. These are your cloud's loom notches.
- 3 Using a pale coloured yarn or string, create your warp by taping down the end of yarn behind the bottom centre notch on your cloud. Wrap between each notch across the top of your cloud and the centre bottom notch.
- 4 When you have created rays of yarn across your cloud and take yarn through last notch, cut yarn and tape down at back of template.
- 5 Place the tip of your wool roving length through the bottom notch of cloud and tape the end inch at the back of you template.
- 6 Starting in the centre, weave over and under your yarn warp to create your weft.
- 7 Weave back and forth as if following rows like arcs in a rainbow until you get to the outer edge of your cloud.  
  
To give shape, fluffiness and dimension to your cloud keep most of your weaves loose but some tighter to create smaller loops of wool.
- 8 To cover any cardboard left showing, do a final tighter weave across the top of the notches.



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**9** Next, create your silver lining with your wool needle and silver sparkly thread or yarn. Thread yarn through the needle, cut the yarn at 50cm and tie a double knot.

**10** Starting at one far side of your cloud, thread the silver yarn through the back of your yarn warp behind your template, then bring needle to front edge and loop through the wool roving to create a silver edge.

**11** Continue to thread your silver lining edge to your own style. Illustration of finished cloud with silver lining

**12** Cut remaining yarn/thread and tape or tie behind the template to finish.

