
Finger Knitting with Amelia Strader

Chapter 1 - Introduction

Overview

- Hey everyone, welcome to Go a Craft. In this workshop I'm gonna teach you how to make one of these really cool finger knitted chains. This workshop is super easy, it's great for kids and adults of all ages and you can learn to make these really cool knitted chains that you can turn into a bracelet, a belt, a necklace, just like this. All you need is some yarn and your hands.

Chapter 2 - Finger Knitting

Getting Started

- Okay, the first step in finger knitting is to cast on the stitches. But before I talk about that, I'm gonna talk about the yarn that you should use. For people who are just starting finger knitting, the best kind of yarn to use is this really chunky type of yarn. But you can use basically any yarn that you like. You can use a worsted weight. A chunky weight. Really thin weight yarn. But for beginners it's good to use this really thick type of yarn. Okay, to start leave a 10 inch tail. Then you're gonna take the tail and place it between your thumb and your forefinger. And then you're gonna start wrapping it around your fingers. And this is the cast-on row. Over your index finger. Under your middle finger. Around your ring finger. And under and over your pinky. Under your ring, over, and back to your index finger. And this is the cast on row. In a knitting, the cast on row is just the beginning stitches of knitting that you use to build your knitting chain on. And the next step is to do another sequence of this wrapping. Over your index finger. Under your middle. Over your ring finger. Under your pinky. And over, under, over, around. And end at your index finger, like this. And the next step is to kinda wiggle your fingers around like this. This is to make sure that the yarn is not too tight around your fingers. And make sure that the yarn is securely down on your fingers. After you do that, you're going to take the bottom loop on your pinky and place it over the top loop off your finger and drop it. So now you only have one loop left on your pinky. You're gonna do the same thing on your ring finger. Take the bottom loop. Place it over the top loop and off. Same thing with your middle finger. Bottom loop over the top loop and off. And same thing with your index finger. Like that. So now you have single stitches on each of your fingers. And you're just gonna push them down like that to make sure that they're secure on your hand. Make sure it's nice and loose. You don't want your stitches to be too tight or too loose. I'm gonna unravel my skein here. And I'm gonna repeat that sequence again. Around the index finger. Under your middle finger. Over your ring finger. Under your pinky. Over, under, over, under. And now you have that sequence repeated again. And then you're just gonna repeat that step. Take the bottom loop over the top loop off. Bottom loop over the top loop and off. Bottom loop over the top loop and off. And same thing for your index finger. Push these stitches down. And you're gonna take this tail, that was the 10 inch tail you left earlier, and just gently pull it. Not too tight. Not too loose. And this kinda helps bring the stitches down on your fingers. And now we're gonna repeat the sequence one more time. Over your pinky. Under your middle finger. Over your index. Under your pinky. Under, over. Under. And then wiggle your fingers around so to make sure your stitches are not too tight or too loose. And then bottom loop over the top loop. Bottom over the top. Last one is on your index finger. And then you just pull this tail to bring the stitches back down on your fingers. And you'll start to see this chain forming. And it doesn't look like very much in the beginning, but as you keep going, repeating

the same sequence, it's gonna form this long, really cool, beautiful chain. So I'm gonna repeat the sequence one more time. Over Under Over Under, around. Under, over, and back to the index finger. Wiggle your fingers to make sure that the yarn is not too tight. Then you're gonna take the bottom loop on your pinky. Wrap it over the top. Bottom loop over the top loop. Bottom over the top loop. And the last one is on your index finger. And then pull the tail gently to make sure it's down on your fingers. And you're gonna continue this sequence until you get the amount of chain that you like. I did four rows here and this created about an inch of chain. You can continue this sequence to create whatever length of knitted chain that you like. This one that made a scarf is about anywhere from 60 to 100 rows. But you can also make the necklace in different thicknesses of yarn. For example, like this one. I used this skein which is a lot thinner yarn. And for this, you would need to probably do a lot more of rows of knitting. But basically the idea is to just keep knitting until you get the length that you like for the project you're doing. So I'm going to make a bracelet this time. So I'm gonna continue knitting until I get the length that I like for the bracelet.

Finishing Off

- I decided to make a bracelet for myself. So this took about 10 rows of finger knitting. But now I'm gonna show you how to finish the end of your finger knitting chain. Take the loop on your index finger and place it on to your middle finger. Take the bottom loop and pull it through the top loop like this. Be careful and take it off your middle finger, place it onto your ring finger. Then again, repeat that step. Take the bottom loop underneath the top loop and carefully take it off your finger. Then repeat. Take the bottom loop under the top loop and take it off. So hey, now you have the last stitch. You're gonna pull it and tighten it. Like this. Make the loop a little bit smaller. You can make the loop bigger or smaller by pulling on the yarn that's still attached to your skein. So you wanna cut about a foot of yarn so that you have plenty of yarn to tie the bracelet. Now before you close up the loop, put the end tail through the loop and pull. Like that. The thicker the yarn, the little bit more difficult it is to close up that hole. Okay, here's your cool bracelet. The next step to finish your bracelet is to tie it into a knot and I'm just gonna tie the two ends together using a really basic square knot. And one more time for good luck. I don't want this to come untied and you can even tie a little bow if you'd like. Just like that. And then trim the ends like this. And now you have a really cool bracelet. Yeah! And now you know how really cool, quick and easy finger knitting is I'm gonna show you the other projects you can make. You can finger knit using this really beautiful, thin sparkly yarn and this could be a belt or even a garland for your Christmas tree. This could be a really a cool scarf necklace it's in a thicker yarn. And this necklace that I made is made out of t-shirt yarn. You can reuse, repurpose t-shirts, make it yarn, and then knit it into this t-shirt necklace scarf. And you can use all different kinds of yarns. This is a wool acrylic mix. You can really finger knit anywhere. You can finger knit in a car, on a long plane ride. All you need is your hands and a skein of yarn.