

# Knitting Brooch

Age:10+ Group size: 4

Duration: 45 mins



Preparation time: 15 mins

## Resources

- Wool
- Cocktail sticks
- Glue gun
- Beads
- Blank badges (available from Baker Ross)



## Preparation

Cut each cocktail stick in half to make 2 little knitting needles.



Glue beads to one end of each half.

Cut about 2 metres of wool for each child, this should be enough to make a few rows of stitching and a mini ball of wool.

## Activity

Casting on – make a slip knot and put it onto one of the needles. To make a slip knot, take a loop of wool, hold the loop and then take the short end of wool, wind it around the loop and then back through itself. Pull the end tight.

When the loop is put onto the needle, the long end of wool can be pulled to tighten the knot. Be careful not to pull the knot too tight, a little play is needed.



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Take the other needle and push it through the slip knot underneath the needle the knot is on. Take the length of wool and, from the right hand side,



bring it up and over the bottom needle so that the wool lies tightly against the first knot. Carefully pull the bottom needle backwards. As the point comes



out from under the top needle you will see a loop which should fall onto the end of the bottom needle.

Pull the bottom needle out, now you should have a loop on each needle. Carefully take the new loop to the end of the needle and slip it onto the first



needle to join the original knot. Continue to make about 8 more stitches so that you have a row of 10 altogether.

Knitting- when you have ten stitches on one needle, take the empty needle and push it underneath and through the first loop on the full needle. Pull the long thread around from the right between the 2 needles (as before), pull the second needle out so that the new loop forms on it but let the loop on the top needle fall off the end of the top needle. When all the stitches are on the second needle, swap over hands and continue. When about 7 or 8 rows of



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stitches have been knitted, carefully roll the rest of the wool to make a little ball and push the knitting and needles through it. Use the glue gun and dab a bit of glue at the back of the knitting, pushing the mini ball of wool against it to secure. Glue a blank badge to the back of the knitting to finish the brooch off.



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