

Nancy's Knit Knacks LLC



Yarn Pet Duo™

Assembly Instructions and User Manual



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Thank you for purchasing our Yarn Pet Duo™. It is an innovative holder for your balls and cones of yarn. A center pull ball, either direct from the manufacturer or one wound on a ball winder can be problematic. Either a clump of yarn comes out, causing a tangled mess, or as the ball releases yarn, it collapses on itself and eventually ends up a tangled mess. Also, working from a center pull ball adds twist to the yarn. Working from the outside of the ball alleviates all of these issues. In the Working from the outside meant you had to stop periodically to pull off a length, which caused the ball to roll across the room creating uneven tension. Using The Yarn Pet Duo™ allows you to knit tangle and tension free and won't introduce additional twist. You will be amazed at just how effortless it is to knit by using the Yarn Pet Duo™. It will become your favorite knitting tool.

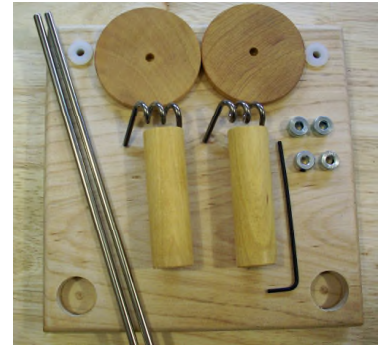
The Yarn Pet Duo™ adds the additional feature of being able to work from two balls at the same time, such as in two color knitting. Also, each ball can be tensioned separately as it gets smaller/looser.

Tools Needed: a 5/64" Allen wrench which is included. **Loosen all set screws in the collars before installing them onto rods or they may not fit!**

Assembly Instructions

The Yarn Guide/Tensioner Posts: Lightly press the end of the yarn guide/tensioner post into the large holes on the platform. Do not press them too hard or it will be difficult to remove/adjust them. You will adjust tension on your yarn by turning these posts which forces the yarn to "bend" as it comes through the "curly q". If you don't want to add any tension to your yarn, then just align the curly q so the yarn has a straight path from the ball to your needles. When done using the Yarn Pet Duo™, you can remove the posts by twisting them while pulling them out of the hole. Be careful of snagging the curly q on your yarn during storage/transport. **When using Mill Wound balls, adjust the post so that it does not extend beyond the top of the ball and do not use the tensioner post. This will prevent the yarn from getting snagged at the top of the ball. Mill wound balls have a football shape and can be "strange."**

Rod and Disc Assemblies The wooden discs are attached to the rod and held in place by means of the 2 small collars (one on either side of the disc). Each collar has a SET SCREW which you unloosen and tighten to adjust the height on the rod. You can adjust the height of the disc to meet



your ball size. Try to center the ball on the rod so that it directly feeds yarn to the curly q. This will help to control the yarn in terms of how it releases from ball. The yarn guide is key to the proper operation of the Yarn Pet Duo™.

Note: We no longer provide black tips for the ends of the rods. These tips had a tendency to “mess up” the center of the ball so we do not use them any longer even though they may be on some images of Yarn Pets.

Loosen the set screw on a collar and slide it onto the rod and position it approximately 1-2 inches from one end. Then using your Allen wrench, tighten the set screw in this collar (Tip: do not over-tighten). Then slide the wood disc on from the other (long) end. Then slide on the other collar and “sandwich” the disc between the two collars. Then tighten the set screw on the 2nd collar. (Tip: do not position the 2nd collar tightly against the disc because we want the disc to rotate freely around the rod. The disc should not wobble either. Spin the collar with your finger to make sure it spins freely after you tighten the 2nd collar. If it doesn't, then adjust one of the collars.

Insert the 8” rod into the white plastic insert. Insert your ball of yarn onto the rod. If you are able to locate the center hole on your ball, then slide the center hole onto the rod and let it rest on the wooden disc. If you cannot exactly locate the center hole, then do the best that you can and slide the ball onto the rod. As you get near the end of the ball while knitting, you may need to reposition the ball onto the rod to avoid the yarn from getting snagged.

Storing and transporting the Yarn Pet and parts: When you are finished knitting, simply pull both the yarn guide and the post out of the yarn pet. You may leave the collars and wooden disc in place on the rod. The stainless steel rod is not sharp and you may place it safely inside your knitting bag. You must be somewhat careful with the yarn guide/tensioner post, however, because of the curly q's pointed end.

Tip: if the vinyl feet start to slip on the table after extended use, lightly clean the bottom of the feet with soap and water. This will remove oils and other dirt and restore the “grip” to the feet.

Options for the Yarn Pet: NKK offers the YP Cone Kit™ which includes another (smaller) wooden disc, 1 additional collar, and 2 steel washers. These are used to assist you in mounting a variety of yarn cones. If you are a regular cone user, then you should consider this useful option. Occasional cone users don't need it. 1 YP Cone Kit per rod is needed. Rods measuring 11.25” long and table clamps assemblies are also available for cone use.

Usage Recommendations: Usually when working from the outside of the ball, it has to be tugged to get it rolling and have a length to work with. With the Yarn Pet Duo™, you will not be pulling off a section to knit with, but as you knit, the ball will unroll and the yarn will be fed to you. Tugging or pulling out a length may actually cause back spin. The Yarn Pet Duo™ can be used in any position, on a table next to you, on the floor, or left in your knitting bag. The yarn guide keeps the ball from pulling off the top. Turn the yarn guide to add more tension as the yarn comes off the ball. As the ball gets smaller, you may want to raise the disc up so that it continues to properly unroll off the side of the ball. Always center the ball in relationship to the yarn guide by raising or lowering the wood disc.

Some manufacturers make a “barrel” shaped ball. In these cases, we recommend that you raise the ball on the disc so that the ball is slightly higher than the rod. Also, for these types of balls, we recommend NOT USING the yarn guide at all. Otherwise, the yarn can get trapped at the top of the ball near the rod.

We also have a Yarn Pet Trio™ which can hold 3 balls or large 8” wide cones.

We hope that you will enjoy using the Yarn Pet Duo™ for many years to come. Despite its simple design, it is a highly engineered product. Thank you for supporting American ingenuity and workmanship as well as Nancy's Knit Knacks!