



Nancy's Knit Knacks LLC

Yarn Pet™

Assembly Instructions and User Manual



Thank you for purchasing our Yarn Pet™. It is an innovative holder for your balls and cones of yarn. A center pull ball, either directly 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 past 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 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™. It will become your favorite knitting tool.



Tools Needed: a 5/64" Allen wrench which is included.

Assembly Instructions

The Yarn Guide/Tensioner Post

Lightly press the end of the yarn guide/tensioner post into the large hole on the platform. Do not press it is too hard or it will be difficult to remove. You will adjust tension on your yarn by turning this post 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, you can remove the post by twisting it while pulling it 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. As the ball becomes smaller, adjust height of the platform accordingly. Mill wound balls have a football shape.**



Rod and Disc Assy

The wooden disc is attached to the rod and held in place by means of the 2 small collars (one on either side of the disc). You can adjust the height to meet your ball size. All size rods are used in this manner. Slide one of the collars onto the rod and position it approximately 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 the collars. **Note: If you did happen to want to restrict the back spinning action, you could tighten the collars against the wood disc and also run a #64 rubber band under the disc and around the wood yarn guide.**



Insert the 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.

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, you will not be pulling off a section to knit with, but simply knit and the ball will unroll to meet your needs. Tugging or pulling out a length may actually cause back spin. The yarn Pet 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, raise the disc up so that it continues to unroll off the side of the ball. Some manufacturers make a "barrel" shaped skein. In this case center the disc as best as you can, but you may have to periodically adjust the yarn if it gets caught at the top or bottom of the rod.

Note for 8-14" and 11" rods - If you have purchased one of these optional rods to hold cones, you may also be interested in the optional L-Bolt, clamp block and wing nut. Use this clamp to secure the pet to the table when using large cones. Simply lay the unthreaded portion of the L-Bolt across the mid-section of the wood pet and clamp it to your table.

We hope that you will enjoy using the Yarn Pet for many years to come. Despite its simple design, it is a highly engineered product. Thank you for supporting American ingenuity and workmanship.

Note – the small black tip pictured on the end of the rod is no longer included – it snagged the yarn.