

Nancy's Knit Knacks LLC

Yarn Pet Trio™





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Thank you for purchasing our Yarn Pet Trio™. It is an innovative holder for your balls and cones of yarn. The YPT was specifically designed to be a heavy duty cone holder but it can also serve as a ball holder like our other Pets. Using the Yarn Pet Trio™ allows you to remove yarn from a cone horizontally and completely eliminate the problem of adding twist to your yarn. It also enables you to add tension to the yarn by adjusting the position of the yarn guide post for each cone/ball. It will become your favorite method for holding cones and balls!



The YPT has a low center of gravity and will not tip over. Yet, it has sufficient mass and will not move around on you while pulling yarn.

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

Versions: There are two versions of the Yarn Pet Trio. Version A is for mounting balls of yarn only. Version B is for also mounting Cones of yarn. Version A comes with 8-1/4" rods and 3 large wooden discs for mounting your ball of yarn onto. Version B includes 11-1/4" rods to hold 7 or 10" cones, 3 smaller and 3 large wood discs and a collection of rubber stoppers which are used to center the top of a cone when mounted on a rod. We also provide a few steel washers as an alternate method for mounting cones if the rubber stoppers do not fit for some reason but the rubber stoppers are the preferred method for centering the cones

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 Trio™, you can remove the posts by twisting them while pulling them out of the hole.

You have the option to use various holes in the base when mounting the posts. The middle three holes are for use when you are taking the yarn from the YPT to a skein-winder or other tool that may be overhead. We have added 2 holes in the center to match up with our Flexi-Skeiner Triple (total of 7 holes).

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). When you are mounting balls on the YPT, you simply allow the ball of

yarn to sit on top of the wooden disc (no need to install the collar on top of the wooden disc. However when you use a cone, you adjust the position of the disc so that it goes up inside the cone. You are trying to accomplish two feats when you mount the cone on the disc: (1) you want the cone to rest on the edges of the disc as the disc is pressed up inside the cone, and (2) you want the cone to clear the top of the wood base 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 Trio™.

To position a cone of yarn at the proper height, slip one of the 2 discs onto the rod. The disc you chose must fit <u>inside</u> the bottom of the cone. If the disc you are using is too large then select the other disc. Get a good idea how far up inside the cone the disc must be to make contact with the inside walls of the cones. Then remove the cone and put a collar on both side of the disc., DO NOT squeeze the disc between the two collars. The disc must rotate freely in order to work properly. Before tightening the set screws in the collars make sure you can spin the disc easily. You also must make sure you have some portion of the rod extending up through the top of the cone.

Then insert the rod and disc assembly into one of the holes in the YPT. Depending on what style cone you

have, you can then install a rubber stopper onto the top of the rod and then slide it down into the top of the cone. No need to make it tight, it is just acting as a centering device for the cone.

We also include steel washers that can be used to trap the top of the cone in place. With these you slide a washer onto the rod and press it against the top of the cone. Then install a collar on top of the washer to hold it in place. The rubber stoppers work best. Just don't press them down too much into the cone.



Inspect your work and make sure no portion of the cone is making contact with the wooden YPT base. Also make sure the cone turns freely by spinning it. If not, check your collars on the wooden disc.

Cone Use: The YPT can handle all sizes of cones from 7 – 10" tall and in excess of 7" in diameter in the outer positions (or the user can use 7" cones in all three positions). If installed correctly on the rod/disc assembly, the cones will freely rotate while being used. Removing yarn horizontally from the cone ensures that the user is not adding any additional twist to the yarn.

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.

We hope that you will enjoy using the Yarn Pet Trio™ 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!