

Magic Loop Knitted Knockers Materials List

DK, #3, weight cotton yarn, 100 yards or more, depending upon cup size desired

– a list of acceptable yarns is on page 3.

Circular needles – 29” to 32” in length, with a flexible cable of a suitable size

– see instructions below to choose needle.

Stitch markers

Tapestry needle

Small, sharp scissors

A ruler or tape measurer

A small amount of fiber fill which the instructor will provide

For this project we will be using cotton DK/Size 3/Light yarn. A list of appropriate yarns is on the third page. It is strongly suggested you choose a yarn from the list because the yarn on it has been selected on the basis of wearability, washability, and durability. Yarns from the list can be donated nationally or internationally, yarns off the list cannot be. If you want to donate knockers, please use standard human or underwear colors.

Needles

Since each knitter is a unique individual, I cannot tell you exactly which needle will work the best for you. I will, however, give guidelines and suggestions.

Metal, wood, bamboo, plastic – you probably have a favorite needle material. Look there first.

I mostly use wood, it's not as fast, or slick and slippery, as chrome needles, nor as slow and grabby as bamboo. For me, it's a happy medium.

Use the needle material *you* are most comfortable with.

The cables and the joins are of paramount importance in circular needles. You need cables that will cooperate with you, which means they should be flexible and have a low memory. If they are stiff, or persistently try to stay in the coil they were packaged in, they will probably fight you.

The joins, where the needles connect with the cable, are also essential. The stitches will be sliding over the joins constantly, so they need to be as smooth and sturdy as possible.

The best length for our purpose is around 30”. Do Not use short cables! 16” is way *too short*. 48” is too long, the cable will get in your way. 29” to 32” is a very versatile length range which will work with most Magic Loop projects, from gloves and socks to sweaters.

Needle size (diameter) will depend upon how tightly, or loosely, you normally knit. If you have to consistently go up or down in needle size to get gauge on a standard pattern, take that into consideration, then go down one needle size from your usual choice. This is because we will need to make a fairly tight, but not stiff, fabric so that the fiberfill won't come out through loose stitches.

Buying your needle:

Choose your favorite material, find the best size in an approximately 30" long circular needle, then – if the store will let you – take the needle out of the package, and feel the cable and the joins. If this is your first circular needle, I suggest buying a fixed length needle instead of a set of interchangeables. (What if you find out you don't like them!)

Good Quality, Widely Available, Brands of Circular Knitting Needles

Metal:

Addi (Skacel)
ChiaoGoo
HiyaHiya
Knit Picks
Knitter's Pride

Wood:

Addi (Skacel)
Knit Picks
Knitter's Pride
Lantern Moon
LYKKE

Bamboo:

Addi (Skacel)
ChiaoGoo
HiyaHiya
Knit Picks
Knitter's Pride

*Clover – These bamboo needles are very economical, and can be purchased at most big box and craft stores, or from Amazon. They are decent needles.

Plastic:

*Prym – This is the only plastic needle I recommend. It can be purchased economically at Michael's or on Amazon. It is very grabby. It has the best cable I have ever used.

Sometimes recalcitrant cables can be tamed by soaking in hot water, but be very careful not to get the joins wet.

Knitting Needles that will make you frustrated and unhappy if you use them:

Boye

Susan Bates

Cheap off brand needles from Amazon or Temu, etc.

Approved, and Widely Available, DK Yarns

Berroco: Modern Cotton DK

Cascade Yarns: Ultra Pima, Noble Cotton *(I usually use these two.)*

Ella Rae: Phoenix DK

HiKoo: CoBaSi, Twisp

Knit Picks: DillyDally, Memento

Lion Brand: COBOO

Mirasol: Pima Paka

Patons: Grace

Plymouth Yarns: Anne

Rowan: Cotton Glace

Tahki: Cotton Classic

Trendsetter Yarns: Lana Grossa

Universal Yarns: Bamboo Pop

If you are planning to donate the knockers you knit, it is best to stay with conservative colors: natural, beige, taupe, shades of brown, white, peach, black...

If you are knitting for someone specific, either ask their preference, or go with a color you think they would like. You can also put a boring, conservative color on the top, and make the underside a secret wild and crazy color. Whatever makes you, and the wearer, happy.

Material Sources

Local Brick & Mortar Yarn Stores

[**Handwork, Salt Lake City](#)

[**Knitting Hive, Salt Lake City](#)

[Needlepoint Joint, Ogden](#)

[**Petit Fours & Purls, Lehi](#)

[Seed Stitch, Bountiful](#)

[Willow Hill Yarn Company, Gardiner Village](#)

[**Wasatch and Wool, Park City](#)

[Yarn on the Corner, Sandy](#)

**I have spoken to the Local Yarn Stores marked with asterisks, and they assure me they have appropriate needles and yarns, and are more than happy to help anyone who comes in. The others are also excellent stores, which I am sure would be just as well supplied and helpful. But, just to be sure, carry the yarn list on page 3 with you to any of the stores.

Note: There are more yarns on the full approved list, but I have only suggested the ones that come in DK weight, that are fairly sure to be available in the Salt Lake area. Not all of the stores carry the same yarns.

National Online Stores

[Amazon.com](#)

[Jimmy Beans](#)

[Knit Picks](#)

[Little Knits](#)

[Webs](#)

[Wool and Company \(free shipping\)](#)