

Knitted sampler set-up/alias...

Bonnet



1. Put on several rows of scrap yarn in a high-contrast color to make it easy to re-hang your hem.
2. Knit 15 rows (or however many you want for this edge--match up same number in step 5).
3. Starting just in front of your yarn carrier go all the way around your cylinder taking every other stitch and transferring it to the needle next to it on the left. (This will form the picot edge.)

You will need to crank ahead a bit in order to finish up the needles. PULL DOWN on your work.

4. Knit one round to start up the stitches that were dropped. Check for any missed stitches and catch them before continuing.
5. Knit 15 rounds.
6. Pull beginning of piece up the middle until you can see the start. Taking each bar of the very first row of your working yarn, line up your work and hang each bar on its corresponding needle (or that general vicinity at least, so that your work is not twisted). Go all the way around the cylinder so that each needle has two stitches on it. Carefully crank a row to knit these stitches together which also closes your hem.
7. Knit 35 to 50 rounds for a hat; for a set-up device, do about 50 to 90 to make it long enough to come out the bottom of the machine and enable you to hang weights on it.
8. Leave a tail of about 18" and pull it down inside your piece. Pull your scrap yarn down in between the same needle as your working yarn and hold on to the ends as you pull down on your work. Crank down far enough to easily enable you to work with your knitted piece, or else begin a second one and do at least the first 25 rows.

9. Thread a large darning needle with the tail of your working yarn. Feed it through to the outside of your piece (the knit side); leave 6" more at the end farther from your work to enable you to have something with which to form a knot when you are finished.

10. Carefully go through each stitch all the way around the very first row of work.

11. Pull tightly to gather end and tie to the tail you left.

12. You might want a pompon or tassel on the end, just for kicks, so don't cut the yarn too soon before you decide. Unravel the waste yarn up to your piece and cut it off at the knot.

To use your set-up, you will hang one of the longer threads between each picot on every other needle and knit twice around.

The nice part about this set-up is that there is no guesswork. It will have the right number of stitches for the cylinder on which you made it.