

Tubular knitting

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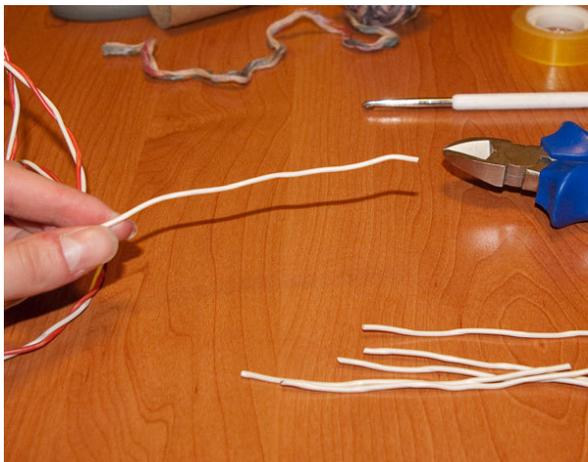
I saw long time ago a woman knitting with a plastic cup. It seemed very interesting, so I found out how she did it. Seems complicated, but, really, it is not. The point is to make a piece of knit with no seams, totally tubular. This is a very fast way to knit, easy too. Considering the diameter of cardboard tube, number of wire pieces and thickness of the thread, we get the density of knit pattern – if we take a thick wool thread on more wire pieces, it will be more dense, and if we use thin thread with only few wire pieces, the knitted area will be more see-through, fish-net type. This is very useful if we are trying to make summer decorations, ie on linen bags – in the thread tube we can place a pebble, snails or sea-shells, and sew on some pearls. Also, if you take a tube of a bigger diameter, you can knit a tube shawls, sleeves, leg and arm warmers... anything. You won't have any seams, which is preferred if you are a messy beginner person when it comes to this. This should ease it a lot. In this description I will explain the basics and the way this method works, so I used a thick wool. You can play & combine, have fun!

Step 1 — Tools



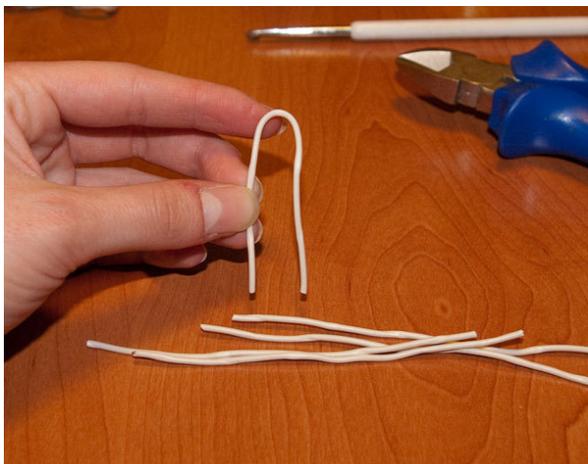
This is what you need - scissors, pliers, cardboard tube, adhesive tape, wire. Later, when we make the tube, we need a thread and crochet hook.

Step 2 — Cutting the wire



First, we must cut the wire that we're gonna place on the cardboard. The diameter of the wire is not of a importance, the only thing that we need to have in mind is that it must be firm when bent. Straighten the wire and cut cca 5-6 cm.

Step 3 — Bending the wire



Bend the wire in half.

Step 4 — Number of the wire pieces



If we want our knit piece to be more dense, we need more wire. For this tutorial I took six pieces.

Step 5 — Fixing the wire on cardboard



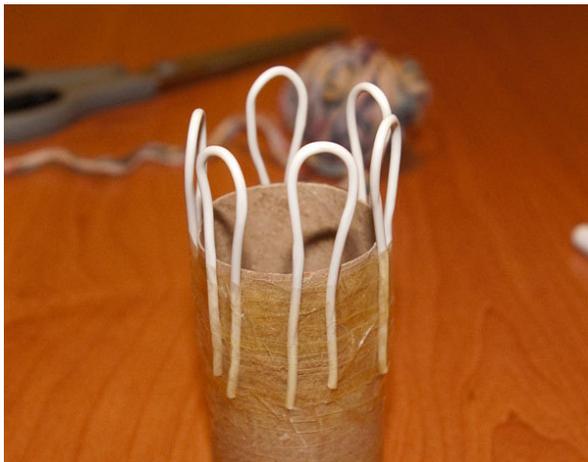
I took a part of the cardboard from kitchen paper towel and used adhesive tape to fix piece of the wire on it.

Step 6 — All wire pieces at the same place



This is how it looks.

Step 7 — ... and from above.



This is how it looks from above. Not very aesthetic, you can use some material to cover the wire and adhesive tape.

Step 8 — Knitting begins



Although it may be considered as crocheting (look at the crochet hook in the first step) it is, technically, knitting. First, pull the thread into the cardboard tube from the upper to the down part - the piece of the thread should be visible in the down part. Upper part - the one with the wire, down part - well, the other one :)

Step 9 — Pull the thread



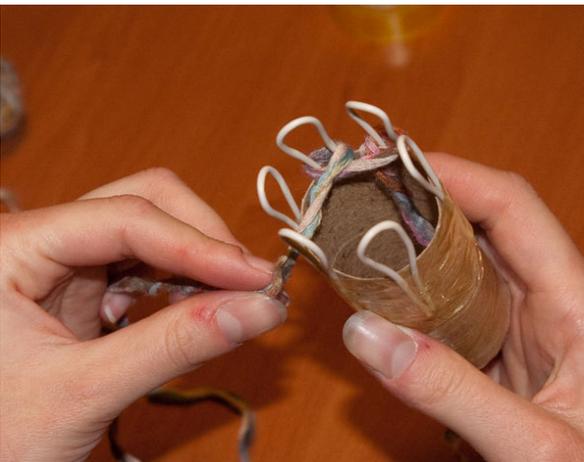
The thread must be strained, keep the down part of it firmly.

Step 10 — Placing the thread on the wire



It must be turned around every wire piece. Not too firm - we need to remove it later and not too loose - we don't want it to fall off.

Step 11 — Second wire piece



The point is to encircle the wire.

Step 12 — Encircled wire



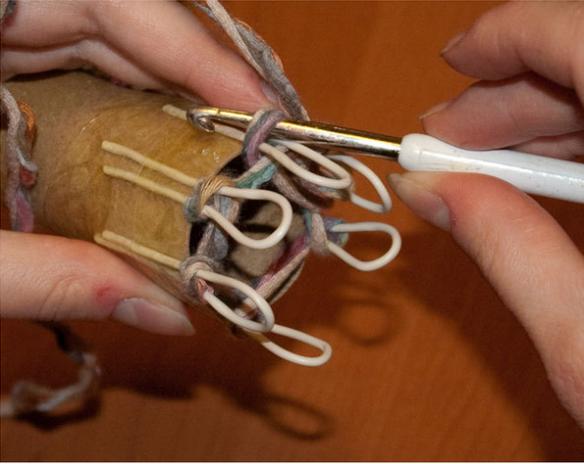
This is how it looks.

Step 13 — Thread on the finger



When we finish all the wire pieces, turn some thread on your finger.

Step 14 — Knitting



Use the hook - put it in the outer part of the thread around the needle.

Step 15 — Catch



Catch the thread.

Step 16 — Pull



Pull it out - make a loop.

Step 17 — Remove



Remove it from the wire.

Step 18 — Place it



Place the new loop on the wire.

Step 19 — Repeat all :)



Start knitting, counter-clockwise. You should see after few rows a basic knit-pattern.

Step 20 — Closer look



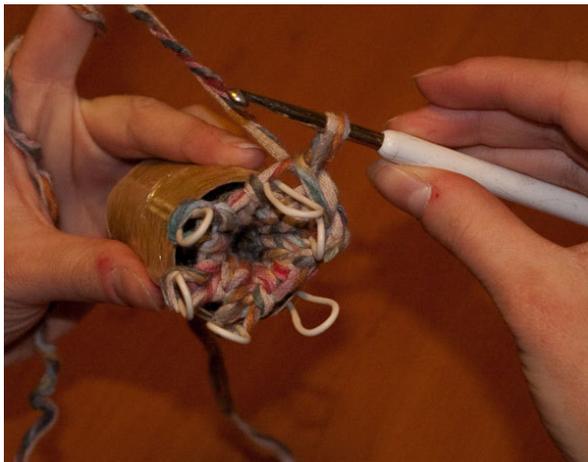
This is how it looks from above after few more rows. Continue to knit.

Step 21 — Finishing



When you decide to finish, take the loop and knit it along with the next one.

Step 22 — Taking two



It should look like basic crocheting step.

Step 23 — Removing



Remove it from the needles and finish the last one in your hands.

Step 24 — Knit-tube



This is how it should look like - this is the reverse side.

Step 25 — Turn it around



Turn the knit-piece around. This is it.

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