

BASIC CORKWORK OR FRENCH KNITTING

To Cast On:

First take the tail of yarn down through the centre of the bobbin, this may be easier if it is threaded onto a blunt needle or bodkin. For bobbins with any number of wood or metal pegs, loop the yarn round each peg – Fig 1.

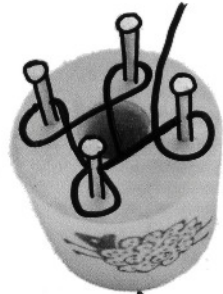
To Work:

To maintain tension, use the index finger of the left hand (right hand if left handed) to hold the yarn against the side of the bobbin. Use a blunt needle, pick or fingernails to lift loop A over the yarn – Figure 2.

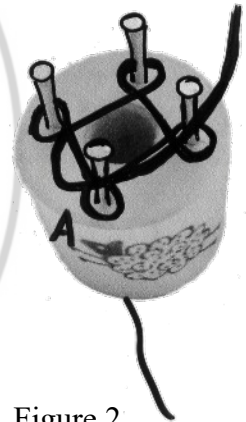
Keep the yarn slack enough to enable this to be done easily. Once started pull tail of yarn at base of bobbin to keep work taut. If difficulty is experienced keeping the upper yarn from slipping off the peg try using the same loop wrap as figure 1 for all stitches.

To Finish:

Thread the yarn onto a blunt needle and lift each loop from the peg onto the needle. Draw together and fasten off.



Tail of yarn down through centre.
Figure 1



MORE ADVANCED CORKWORK

Vertical stripes are possible by casting on one colour on half the pegs, and another colour on the remaining pegs.

Both yarns are wrapped around the bobbin as you work but are split so that the correct colour is at the front of the peg (the other colour can be passed round the back).

Numerous other variations can be achieved using multiples of 2 and 3 – see Figure 3.

Figure 2

