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Dexter's Rosette & Flower Loom With Adjustable Pegs Step by Step Illustrations ...



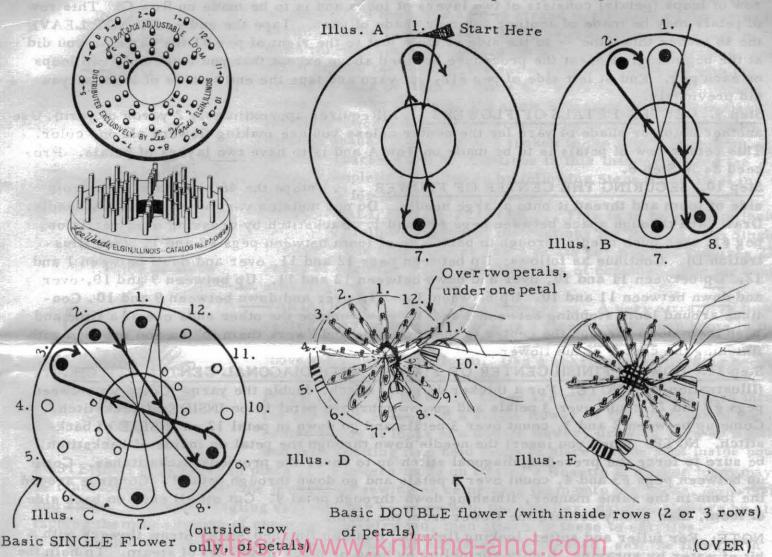
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Perfect for use with Swiss Straw Yarn. You may also use other type yarns such as Wool or Cotton and similar type yarns. Make pretty and unusual flowers and clever little figures to use as trim on handbags, clothing, hats, corsages, jewelry, wall plaques, etc. Make attractive party favors too. You'll think of dozens of ways to use them.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS Dexter's Rosette & Flower loom was designed with adjustable pegs so that it may be adjusted to make different sizes and shapes of flowers & figures. Each hole is numbered -- there are twelve holes in a row and there are four rows on the loom. Insert pegs where desired by firmly pushing the tapered end of peg into the hole. The pegs will not slip out if they are inserted so that the end is even with the bottom of hole. Pegs may be removed easily by pulling them out (straight out, do not pull from sides), or push them out from the back with a pointed instrument. Experiment with different patterns (illustrations for several are shown). The following size flowers may be made on this loom:

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Illus. A 1. Start Here



NOTE: A left-handed person can achieve the same control and beautiful results by reversing the direction of the work in stringing the loom and stitching the center of the flower.

BASIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING A FULL BLOOM FLOWER 41/4 inches across. See Illustrations A through E, Page 1.

- Step 1. Place a peg in each of the holes in Rows A, C and D of the loom.
- Step 2. OUTSIDE ROW OF PETALS (Requires approximately 6½ yards Swiss Straw yarn or whatever type yarn you are using). While you can use several different types of yarn to make flowers on the loom, the Swiss Straw yarn makes the most attractive flowers as it holds its shape so beautifully. Using masking or scotch tape, tape one end of a strand of yarn (leaving about 46 inches hanging for the final sewing of flower center) to side of loom just to the right of peg #1 in the outer row of peg.
- Step 3. Hold loom in the left hand with #1 peg at top and yarn in right hand (unless you are left handed, then reverse the entire procedure).
- Step 4. Following Illustration A and starting at peg #1, go to peg #7 wrapping the yarn around the pegs as shown in illustration.
- Step 5. Following Illustration B, go around peg #8 then to peg #2.
- Step 6. Following Illustration C, go around peg #9 then to peg #3.
- Step 7. Continuing in the same manner, go around the loom counter-clockwise until you have 3 loops on each peg. Leaving the loops (petals) on the loom cut yarn and tape end to side of loom.
- Step 8. INNER ROW OF PETALS (Requires approximately 2½ yards of yarn). This row of loops (petals) consists of two layers of loops and is to be made on Row C. This row of petals may be made of another color or shade of yarn. Tape the end -- DO NOT LEAVE the 46 inches this time -- to the side of loom just to the right of peg #1 the same as you did at the beginning. Repeat the procedure outlined above except that you make only two loops on each peg. End at left side of peg #12, cut yarn and tape the end to side of loom as you did previously.
- Step 9. CENTER PETALS OF FLOWERS (Requires approximately 2 yards of yarn). Use another color or shade of yarn for the center unless you are making flowers all one color. This center row of petals is to be made on Row A and is to have two layers of petals. Proceed as in Step 8.
- Step 10. SECURING THE CENTER OF FLOWER Untape the 46" length of yarn from side of loom and thread it onto a large needle. Do not moisten yarn when threading needle. Draw yarn through space between pegs #12 and 1. Backstitch by crossing over petals on peg #1, then push needle through to back side of loom between pegs #2 and 1. (See Illustration D). Continue as follows: Up between pegs 12 and 11, over and down between 1 and 12. Up between 11 and 10, over and down between 12 and 11. Up between 9 and 10, over and down between 11 and 10. Up between 8 and 9, over and down between 9 and 10. Continue around loom stopping between 2 and 3. Now, untape the other ends one at a time and push them down through the center to the back side and "work them in" as you proceed with finishing the center of the flower.
- Step 11. HOW TO FINISH CENTER OF FLOWER WITH DIAGONAL CENTER STITCH (Illustration E). NOTE: For a thicker diagonal stitch, double the yarn. Come up between pegs #1 and 2, count over 3 petals and go down through petal 11 on INSIDE of backstitch. Come up between 2 and 3, count over 3 petals and go down in petal 12 on INSIDE of backstitch. NOTE: When you insert the needle down through the petal on inside of backstitch, be sure to force the preceding diagonal stitch up to cover the previous backstitches. Come up between pegs #3 and 4, count over 3 petals and go down through petal 1. Continue around the loom in the same manner, finishing down through petal 9. Cut off all ends on back side of loom, then gently remove the flower from the loom.

NOTE: For fuller and softer-looking flowers, moisten finished Swiss Straw flowers with a bit of water by spraying, lightly sprinkling by hand or place in full jet of steam. To help the geometric shape flowers hold their original shape, dampen while still on loom and let dry before removing from loom. Do not dampen afterwards.

Basic Large Double Flower

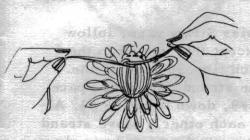


Basic Large Single Flower



Basic Small Single Flower





Pouf Center or Buds



BASIC LARGE DOUBLE FLOWER ... Following the general basic instructions for making a Full Bloom Flower, make 3 loops on each outside peg and 2 or 3 loops on inside pegs depending on size flower you want to make. You may use one color for the entire flower or one color for outside rows of petals and a contrasting color or shade for the inside rows of petals and still a third color for the center of the flowers. There are a number of variations possible. A much fuller flower may be made by making 6 loops on the outer row of pegs and 3 loops on the inside row but we suggest that you learn the basic flower technique before trying to make the fuller flowers.

BASIC LARGE SINGLE FLOWER ... This is made on outside pegs only, using steps 1, 2 and 3 of Basic Full Bloom Flower. This single flower with 3 layers (petals) to a peg, requires 33/4 yards for the petals and 24" of contrasting color for the center of flower. When the winding is finished the strand of yarn should be at space 6. To finish center of flower, tie the 24" length of contrast color to the petal color using a square knot and making the knot as close to the center of flower as possible. Cut off the strand of petal color yarn. Thread the contrasting color strand on needle and move the knot in strand to the back of flower by inserting needle in space 12. Bring needle up through space 6, down through space 5, up through space 7, down through 6, and so on around the loom in the same manner, finishing with the strand in back of loom at space 4. Work the slanted finishing stitch in center following the same sequence as Step 8 in Basic Double Flower but begin the stitches by bringing strand up through space 7, then move 3 spokes to the right, then down between spaces 4 and 5. Continue in this manner around the loom, completing the flower by following Steps 9 and 10 of instructions for Basic Double Flower.

BASIC SMALL SINGLE FLOWER ... This is to be made in inside pegs only, following general instructions for Basic Large Single Flower. The small flower has 3 petals per peg and requires 21/2 yards of yarn for petals and 24 inches of contrast color for center stitching.

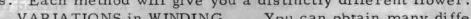
VARIATIONS for Centers of Flowers ... A very attractive flower center may be made by working a cluster of French knots in the center after the slant stitching has been done and before you remove the flower from loom. Use a sharp pointed darning needle for working the French knots.

POUF Center or Buds ... These are made by running yarn thru the top layer of loops of a single flower or the top layer of the center group of loops of a double flower, drawing yarn up tightly and then knotting it to hold loops in place. Hide knot inside pouf.

FASTENING FLOWERS in place ... Flowers made on Dexter's Rosette & Flower loom may be transformed into costume jewelry by sewing or cementing them onto pin backs, earwires and rings. A pretty dangling earring may be made with the smaller, daintier flowers by attaching them to a length of chain or a jewelry pin, then attaching these to earclips. If you intend to have an item such as clothing or handbags dry-cleaned, sew the flowers in place rather than cementing them in place. When cementing them, be sure to use a heavy craft or white glue which dries clear.

Attaching a stem to Flower ... For flowers with an open daisy-type center, gently twirl a chenille stick between forefinger and thumb, then force a length of the chenille stick under the cross strands on the back of flower. Twist the ends of chenille together and wrap them with floral tape. Add leaves if desired. You may also strengthen this chenille stem with stem wire. For flowers centered with a pouf, attach the stem before tying the pouf strands. Form a small loop at one end of stem wire. Use a pliers for this purpose. Bend the loop over so it will lay flat against the center of the flower when it is in place. Pierce the center of flower with an ice pick, insert the stem wire from top of flower, then push the wire down until the loop rests against the flower center. This loop holds the stem in place. Now, gather the loops that form the pouf and tie them as previously instructed. The pouf may be rounded by lightly sprinkling the Straw yarn with water, then gently rounding with the fingers. NOTE: The flowers made of Straw yarn are the only type that should be sprayed or sprinkled with water, do not spray wool or cotton yarn flowers.

To Make FRINGED or CUT-EDGE PETALS on Flowers ... There are several ways in which this may be accomplished. After removing flower from loom you may cut the outside petals at tips to form fringed edges. Or, after cutting the petals at ends, cut the edges with a pinking or scalloping scissors. You may curl the tips of the cut petals by pulling the tip between the back of a knife blade and the thumb. You may open the petals (cut or uncut) of Swiss Straw yarn and smooth them out to make a fuller flower. You may cut the outer edges, leaving the center petals uncut, or cut the center petals and leave the outer row uncut. Or, cut the edges of all the petals. Each method will give you a distinctly different flower.



VARIATIONS in WINDING ... You can obtain many different and fascinating shapes by using Swiss Straw Yarn. It's necessary to use this type of yarn because the strand must hold the special shape required after the flower is removed from the loom. Wool, cotton and other type yarns will not hold the different shapes. Several illustrations are given at left and below for different shape flowers, etc.

Flower with SQUARE Petals ... With Swiss Straw yarn, follow instructions for making Basic Flower except that you wrap the strand of Straw yarn around two pegs each time instead of one. With the end of strand at space #6 lay the strand across to space #1, around the peg to the right to space #9, down to space #4. Always work on the pegs directly opposite each other. Move strand of yarn to right to space 6, and repeat this winding for desired number of loops (petals). From space 6 go to space 2, then space 10, then across to space 5 and 7 and so on. You may finish the center with a pouf if you wish. This is made by wrapping the pegs again with the same or a contrasting color. This time, however, wrap only one peg each time instead of two. Flowers may have petals rounded a bit at corners by spraying very lightly, then fluffing with the fingers.

After you have learned all the basic flowers, you may follow the illustrations shown here to make the geometric type flowers and butterflies. Using different colors for each row of petals also

