

yarn bombing

Be a part of weaving connections for Deafblind Awareness Month!





CONNECTING THE WORLD, ONE STITCH AT A TIME

Throughout June, large trees, fronts of buildings, fences, and lampposts in community spaces across Canada and around the world will be decorated with vibrant knit and crochet squares – a form of street art, known as yarn bombing – to raise awareness during National Deafblind Awareness Month.

In 2023, DeafBlind Ontario Services yarn bombing pieces were on display in several locations across the province, including Newmarket, Ottawa, London, the Greater Sudbury Area, Peterborough, and more.

Each of these yarn bombing installations is made up of hand crafted pieces created by people supported by DeafBlind Ontario Services, intervenors, friends and family, local knitting clubs, and community members from across the province.

Why do we Yarn Bomb?

Yarn bombing, which is sometimes known as 'knitfiti', is a form of street art where yarn that is knit, crochet, or wrapped, adorns an object in a public space. It is thought to have originated in the United States in 2005.

By coming together to yarn bomb objects in as many cities and countries as possible in June, we strive to foster connections and unite a community with individuals, service and advocacy groups in the field, Deafblind International members and partners, and the wider global public.

Join us in June 2024 for a movement that will build awareness about deafblindness on a global scale!





BE PART OF OUR CRAFTIVISM* MOVEMENT!

(*activism centred around a craft. Someone who is active in craftivism is known as a craftivist!)

Yarn bombing is suitable for all ages and all experience levels, from new knitters to experienced stitchers!

If you're planning to hiberknit this winter or spend some time kniflixing, commit to completing some colourful pieces to be added to our yarn bombing installations.

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Commit to create

Let us know you're creating pieces by completing this short form ([click here](#)).

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Share with your friends & family

The more pieces we have, the bigger we can yarn bomb! Share this project with your family and friends be part of this together!

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Drop off your creations!

When you've completed your yarn creations, you can make arrangements with our team to drop off your pieces to our head office or to one of our locations throughout the province.

You don't have to knit to participate! You can also:

- Help us join pieces together to create our displays
- Volunteer to help set up displays in your community
- Share our posts on social media to help us reach other crafters

NEED SOME INSPIRATION TO GET STARTED?

Even if you've never knit or crocheted before, there are so many things you can make with yarn to add to our displays! We've got a few ideas below for beginners to get started creating pieces!

POM POM'S

Did you know you can make pom pom's using a fork? [Click here for a How To Video!](#)

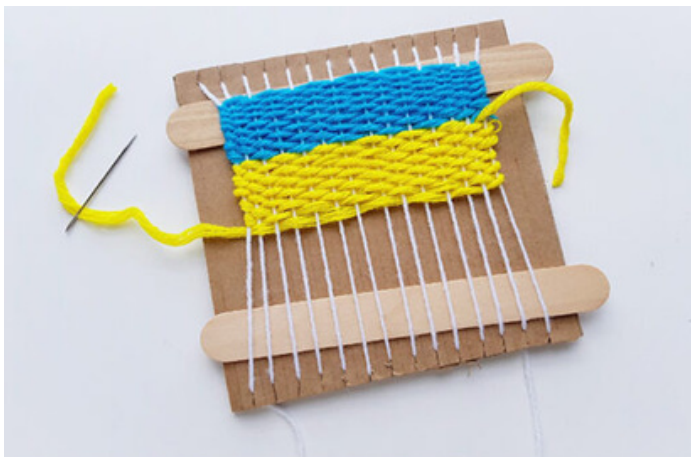
Once you've got the hang of making pom pom's [check out this link](#) to learn how to make a garland!

Take it one step further and you can make pom pom hearts! [Click here for a How To Video!](#)



CREATE PIECES ON A LOOM

You can make your own loom using a piece of cardboard and string! [Click here for instructions](#) on making the loom and learn how to weave!



[You can find more inspiration here for Yarn Bombing and maybe some pieces for your home or office!](#)

YARN SQUARE INSTRUCTIONS



A yarn square is a great way to use up yarn left over from bigger projects, try a new pattern or learn a new stitch! These squares can be knit or crochet in bold, beautiful colours and used to help us create our displays.

Knit Squares

- Cast on enough stitches to make 8" (20cm), which should be anywhere from 35 to 40 stitches. Try to make your stitches neither too loose nor too tight to help ensure uniform squares. This may vary slightly depending on your tension.
- Note: Check your gauge (tension) after 3 or 4 rows. This will save you some frustration if the square is too wide or not wide enough. Adjust accordingly by starting with more or less stitches.
- Row 1: knit Row 2: knit
- It's that simple! Continue knitting rows 1 and 2 until your square is as long as it is wide.
- Cast off/bind off. Leave a 20" (50cm) tail (for sewing the squares together).

Crochet Squares

- Note: Check your gauge (tension) after 3 or 4 rows. This will save you some frustration if the square is too wide. Adjust accordingly by starting with more or less stitches.
- Chain 31.
- Row 1: Single crochet in the second chain from hook and in each stitch across. (30 stitches)
- Row 2: Ch 1, single crochet in each stitch across.
- Row 3: Repeat row 2 until square measures 8" (20cm) long.
- If the square is smaller than 8" (20cm), add an edging of single crochet. At the corners, increase 3 sc in the corner stitch. Leave a 20" (50cm) tail (for sewing the squares together).

To ensure your square is 8" (20cm), either use a tape measure or form a triangle by folding one corner of your square over to meet the opposite corner as shown – if all sides are equal then you have a square!

Instructions from :

<https://knit-a-square.com/basic-square-knitting-pattern-instructions/>

<https://knit-a-square.com/square-crochet-pattern-instructions/>



Share photos and videos of your progress!

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