

KNITTING

Meaning of knitting

This is the manipulation of threads or yarns through twisting, looping, interlocking, and intersecting to produce knitted materials such as bags, cardigan, caps, socks, and so on.

Means of knitting

There are two major means through which knitting can be made

1. Hand knitting: This is knitting done by using the hand to manipulate thread using a needle.
2. Machine knitting: This is the use of machines to produce knitted works. A machine does weft knitting and warp knitting.

Materials/tools used in knitting

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| 1. Stitch markers | 6. Knitting machine |
| 2. Tape | 7. Thread |
| 3. Needle caps | 8. Stitch holders |
| 4. Scissors | 9. Row counters |
| 5. Knitting Pins | 10. Yarn |

Basic knitting stitches

1. Slip knot
2. Casting on
3. Knit stitch
4. Casting off

Summary

This is the manipulation of threads or yarns through twisting, looping, interlocking, intersecting etc. to produce knitted materials such as bags, cardigan, caps, socks, and so on. Knitting can be done by hand or by the use of machine. Materials/tools such as scissors. Thread, needle

caps. Knitting pins etc. are necessary for a successful knitting process. One may employ knitting stitches such as pull stitches, knit stitches etc.

Review questions

1. Explain the term, knitting
2. Mention two means of knitting
3. List five materials/tools used for knitting
4. State three basic knitting stitches