

Stuffed Caterpillar Toy

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- Loom: CinDWood 1/2-inch gauge newborn bootie loom (21 pegs)
- Yarn: Light Worsted Weight (3 colors)
- Looming Hook
- Yarn Needle for finishing
- Knee-high stocking or nylon trouser sock
- Fiberfill stuffing



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Colors will be referred to as **C1**, **C2**, **C3**.

Cast on double strand in **C1** by ewrapping each peg around loom. Be sure to leave a long enough tail to weave and cinch opening at the end of the project.

Rows 1 - 8: Ewrap around and knit off.

Row 9: ewrap pegs 1 - 11 and knit off.

Row 10: ewrap back from peg 10 to peg 2 and knit off.

Row 11: ewrap pegs 3 to 9 and knit off.

Row 12: Ewrap back from peg 8 to 4 and knit off.

Row 13: Ewrap pegs 5 to 7 and knit off.

Row 14: Ewrap back pegs 8 to 4 and knit off.

Row 15: Ewrap pegs 3 to 9 and knit off.

Row 16: Ewrap back pegs 2 to 10 and knit off.

Rows 17 - 20: Ewrap all pegs around loom and knit off. Cut yarn, leaving a tail of about 10 inches. (Tuck tail down into center of loom to keep it out of the way. You will need it for weaving later on.)

Change color to C2. Attach new color to peg 1 as if you were casting on.

Rows 21 - 26: Ewrap all pegs around loom and knit off.

Row 27: Ewrap peg 1. Next, ewrap backward from peg 21 to peg 11 and knit off.

Row 28: Ewrap from peg 12 to 20 and knit off.

Row 29: Ewrap back from peg 19 to 13 and knit off.

Row 30: Ewrap from peg 14 to 18 and knit off.

Row 31: Ewrap back from peg 17 to 15 and knit off.

Row 32: Ewrap fom peg 14 to 18 and knit off.

Row 33: Ewrap back from peg 19 to 13 and knit off.

Row 34: Ewrap from peg 12 to 20 and knit off.

Row 35: Ewrap back from peg 21 to 11 and knit off.

Row 36: Ewrap from peg 10 to 1 and knit off. Continue ewrapping around ending after peg 21.

Rows 37 - 41: Ewrap all pegs around loom and knit off. Cut yarn leaving a tail about 10 inches. (Tuck tail down center of loom as you did before.)

Change color to C3. Attach new color to peg 1 as you did for last color change.

Rows 42 - 59: Repeat rows 9 through 20. Cut yarn and leave 10-inch tail.

Change color. Attach C2 as before.

Rows 60 -80: Repeat rows 21 through 41. Cut yarn and leave 10-inch tail.

Change color. Attach C1 as you did with other color changes.

Rows 81 – 86: Ewrap all pegs around loom and knit off.

Rows 87 – 94: Repeat rows 9 through 16.

Rows 95 – 100: Ewrap all pegs around loom and knit off. Cut yarn and leave at least a 10-inch tail.

FINISHING:

Using yarn needle, remove each stitch from loom by going from bottom to top of stitch, then lift off peg. Once you have emptied all pegs, gently pull on the tail to cinch the opening closed. If needed, stitch back and forth a few times over the gap to close neatly.

As gently as possible, turn tube inside-out. Using tails from color changes, weave into your work. If necessary, weave around areas where each “bend” is, to close gaps.

Using a knee-high nylon stocking or nylon trouser sock, put over the entire tube, so that as you start to turn it right-side out, the stocking is lining the tube. Begin stuffing the stocking with fiber-fill, pushing the closed end of the tube right-side out a little at a time as you work. Once stocking is filled to your liking, tie a tight knot in the open end of the stocking.

Using a yarn needle and a double strand of **C1**, start weaving around loops of the beginning row so you can cinch it closed. Again, if necessary, stitch back and forth to close gap neatly.

Gently bend and mold the caterpillar into shape. Using double strand of **C2**, at finishing end of project, stitch in two eyes. You may knot them instead if you like, leaving short tails as eyelashes. Next, stitch a mouth.

For antennae, using same loom and **C3**, create two I-cords using 3 pegs on the loom, and eight rows long. For each antenna, weave one set of the I-cord tails into the antenna, leaving the tails on the other end so you can attach to caterpillar, above the eyes. Weave in any loose ends you may find.

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