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## Round Afghan Loom

To make an afghan, choose which loom you prefer. The round one fits nice over your knees, and rotates easily, but is a little hard to take in a car. The oval shaped loom carries a little easier, and though long it is narrow enough to fit beside you when not in use.

*\*These instructions are for the looms  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch spaced pegs. For the  $\frac{5}{8}$ " you are wrapping 100 pegs and for the  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch spaced peg looms you are wrapping from 1-120 approx. or less if you want it shorter.\**

**Begin:** Make a slip knot and attach to the tack. Wrap around each peg from 1-80, or 1-77, starting with the black colored peg. NOW, instead of going to peg #1 again, you will go backwards and wrap 80-1, or 78-1. The first loop going each new direction will not be a full loop, and will look a little different, but this is OK, It looks great in the end. You may use 2 strands of yarn for a thick afghan and pick 2 strands over 2 strands, or for a regular one, you should do 3 rows and then take the bottom strand over the next 2 strands and the top of the peg. Do as many rows as you want the afghan to be in length. Remember, because you are going back and forth, your afghan will open up to be double the width of your loom.

**Remove:** To finish your afghan, instead of pulling a length of yarn through like with the hats, you finish down to the last row when only one row is left on the pegs. Cut off your yarn so you have a tail about 12 inches long. To take the afghan off the loom, you are going to chain the final loops off of each peg and through the previous loop. Start at the opposite end of where you tail of yarn is. Take loop #1 off the peg with your pick. Slide it over peg #2 and the loop on it. Unhook your pick. Loop one should now be over loop 2. Use your pick to pick up loop #2, lift it off the peg, keeping the pick in the loop. As you lift off the loop, you will now see that you have threaded loop 2 through loop #1, and it will lift off the peg also. You have chained the two together. Now put loop #2 over peg #3. Take your pick out of loop #2 and pick up loop #3. As long as you pull your loop down past the loop on the peg, you should be able to grab the loop on that peg and easily thread it through the last loop and then take both loops off the peg. You are trying to make a running chain stitch that will close off the end edge of your afghan.

It may sound a bit complicated, but if you can do it just a couple of times, you will realize how easy it is. After you pull the last loop through the second to last loop, you should be next to the tail end piece. Tie the two strings together and tie off your strings. YOU'RE DONE!!! Please feel free to contact me if you have any problems or questions.