Congratulations! You have just received your very own cool spool knitting kit! You will learn how to use the knitting spool to make cool accessories. Learn how to make flowers, rings, hearts, necklaces and more!

GET READY!
Place all of your materials on a flat surface.

Your kit includes:
- wooden french knitting spool
- plastic tool
- colorful beads
- wooden buttons
- needle
- yarn

GET SET!
Let's go over the basics.

1. Make a slip knot about 10 inches from the end of your yarn.

2. Place the slip knot loop over a spoke on your knitting spool. Poke the yarn tail down the hole in the center of the mushroom shape.

3. Bring the yarn from the ball across the inside and behind the next spoke. Wind the yarn clockwise around the spoke and bring it behind the spoke after that. It doesn't matter which direction you turn the spool, but make sure you continue in the same direction. Repeat this on all of the spokes until they all have yarn looped around them.
4. Now the yarn should be back around to the spoke with the slip knot on it. Wind the yarn in front of this spoke, above the slip knot. Hold the yarn end in place with your fingers holding the spool.

5. Poke the plastic needle down into the slip knot loop, being careful not to split the yarn. Pull the yarn loop toward you and lift it up and over the top line of yarn and spoke. Let it slip off the needle. You just made a knitting stitch!

6. Turn the spool in your hand as you wind the yarn above the loops already on the spokes. Continue to lift the bottom yarn over the top. Try to keep your stitches loose, and pull down the yarn tail from the hole in the center of your spool as it grows.

7. To add a new color to your knitting, cut off the yarn you are using 2 inches from your knitting spool. Knot the new color to the old one and keep knitting. Tuck the knot into the center so that the ends do not show.

8. To finish off your knitting, cut the yarn 8 inches from your knitting spool. Lift the loop off the spoke you just knit, and put it over the next spoke. Do a regular knitting stitch and lift the leftover loop over the next spoke. Continue this way until you have only one loop left on a spoke.
9. Pull on the last loop to make it larger. Thread the yarn tail through it and pull it tight as you lift it off the spoke.

Adding Beads:
To add beads, first string them on a piece of yarn before you start knitting. As you knit, position the beads between the spokes on the spool as you wrap the yarn around.

HINT: Space out your beads and don’t use more than 3 in one round. Otherwise, your knitting might get too crowded and will make a funny shape. It is a good idea to complete one round without beads in between each round with beads.

IDEA: Make pretty patterns with the beads as you string them on the yarn. Have fun and be creative!

Making Different-Sized Tubes:
You can also make tubes of different widths by changing the way you wrap the yarn.

To make a medium-sized tube, wrap the yarn around 4 spokes to make a shape that looks like a rectangle. Continue knitting the usual way but using only these 4 spokes.

To make a narrow tube, wrap the yarn around every other spoke so you are only using 3 spokes. The shape in the center should look like a triangle. Continue knitting in the usual way.

GO!
You did it! Now that you know how to french knit using your cool spool, here are some great ideas of what you can make with your knitted strands!
Necklace:
1. Knit ten small tubes about 3 inches in length.
2. Using your needle, sew the ends of one strand together to make a complete loop.
3. Take another tube and string it through your already completed loop.
4. Sew the second loop closed so that you have two loops attached to one another.
5. Continue doing this until you have made a chain using up all of your small knitted tubes.
IDEA: you can make an even longer chain and wear it as a belt!

Heart Ring:
1. Make a tube about 5 inches long.
2. Sew the two ends together to make a loop. This is like making a chain.
3. Press down on the top of your loop to make the heart shape.
4. Use a piece of yarn to fasten the center of the heart so that it keeps its shape.
5. To make a ring, use yarn to attach your heart to another small tube and tie the ends of that tube together to make a ring that is your size! You can also attach the heart to a hair clip or hair elastic to make a cool hair decoration!

Flower Bracelet:
1. Make 5 tubes, about 5 inches long.
2. Pinch the ends of one tube together and fasten them by sewing. This is your first petal.
3. Continue doing this until you have 5 petals.
4. Fasten the petals together in a circle to make a flower.
5. Use a button as the center of your flower. You can also make another tube in a different color and fasten it in a spiral to make your flower center.
6. Make one large tube, big enough to wrap around your wrist and fasten the ends together. Now attach your flower to make a cool bracelet!