

Custom Knitting Needles

Make custom knitting needles for your favorite knitter. Monogram the end, or use exotic wood dowels. What a wonderful gift!

These homemade needles begin as wooden dowels 1/8 to 1/2 inch in diameter. Use a small saw to customize the length of each pair -- anywhere from 8 to 16 inches.

1. Put a point on one end of each dowel with a pencil sharpener; smooth wood's surface with fine-gauge sandpaper. Wipe clean with a tack cloth and brush on 2 to 3 coats of fast-drying acrylic paint. Seal with a final coat of butcher's wax to ensure that yarn moves freely along the dowel.

2. Glue a button in a contrasting color to the flat end of the painted dowel with a dot of epoxy. Include a small skein of wool with your gift.



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