



# Finger Knitting



This activity is part of a larger activity. The children will be making horse reins for play.

To ensure that the overall activity is a success it is important that all the instructions are followed and that the length of the finished double finger knitting is as stated in the instructions.

It would be best for you to be doing this alongside your child as children this age learn through initiation not instruction. There is a little story to tell / read to your child as you commence finger knitting.

## Slip Knot

1. Make a slip knot - to do this make a loop	
2. Put your fingers through the loop	

<p>3. Grab hold of the wool that is on the upper side</p> <p>4. Holding onto the 'tails' pull through the upper side wool a little way</p>	
<p>5. Holding the tails pull the loop tightly</p> <p>6. You now have a slip knot which when placed on your or your child's finger can be tightened or loosened as necessary. you are ready to commence finger knitting.</p>	

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With your slip knot ready begin the story:

### Story

There was once a little horse, wild and free (*hold out your left pointer finger*)

but Jimmy (*thumb on right hand*)

and Millie (*pointer finger on right hand*)

wanted to ride the little horse.

They found a bridle (*hold the slip knot with right thumb and pointer*)

and caught the horse, putting the bridle on over the horses head (*put slip knot onto left pointer*

*finger and hold length of yarn in right hand between thumb and pointer fingers, then wrap wool*

*once around finger in front of slip knot)*

*and nose (now lift back loop - slip knot, over the loop just made and off the finger).*

They got onto the little horses back but he would not go so they gently pulled his tail

*and away he went! (pull the strands of wool one after the other to tighten the finger knit loops)!*

Continue using the following rhyme:

*"Over the horses head (wrap yarn around finger)*

*Over the horses nose (take rear yarn over the yarn at the front)*

*Pull the horses tail (pull the two tails - strands of wool)*

*And away he goes!" - repeat*

When your child wants to change colour or you finish the ball of wool, simply knot the end with the beginning of the next ball of wool.

When you have used all of the wool, it is time to finger knit the finger knitting. Simply repeat the above process using your child's finger knitting as their ball of wool. This will create a much thicker finger knit and will make it strong enough to become horse reins. For horse reins their finger knitting needs to be approximately 1.5 meters long. If it isn't this long yet and you have run out of yarn please send me a photo of their work and a measurement and we can arrange more yarn to continue their project.