

Finger Knitted Snake

Difficulty: ★★☆☆☆ - Moderate

Time: 40 minutes



Materials

- Plastic bag to create 'yarn' such as an old chip bag or grocery bag
- Scissors
- Tape
- Pens and markers (optional)

Tips

- Any plastic bag should work for this project!
- If any part of the bag rips during the finger knitting or plastic yarn making tape it back together

Steps

Making Plarn (plastic yarn)

1. Lay your plastic bag flat.



2. Cut off the sealed bottom and top, or the handles if applicable.
3. Fold it in half vertically 2 times.



4. Cut the bag into about ½ inch wide strips.



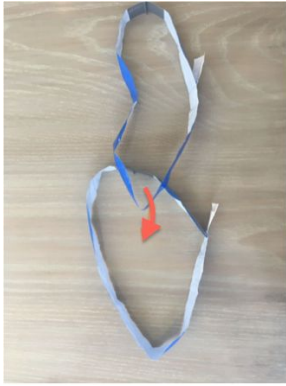
5. Unfold the plastic strips.



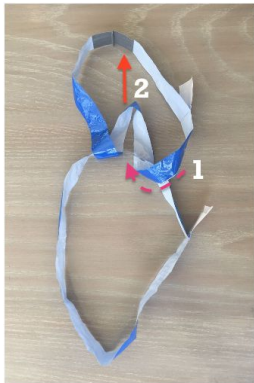
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6. Take two strips and put one piece over the other.



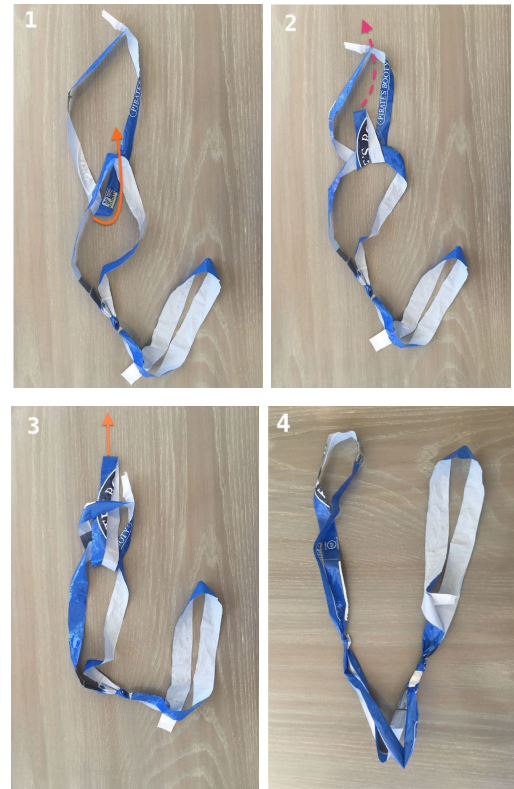
7. Bring the end of the piece on top down and under the piece on the bottom (1) and pull the end (2).



8. Pull tight to tie the knot.



9. Take the next piece and, following the same steps, add it to the two already attached pieces.



10. Keep adding the pieces, until you have a ball of plarn.



Finger Knitting a Snake

1. Position your hand so your two fingers in the middle are distinct from the rest.



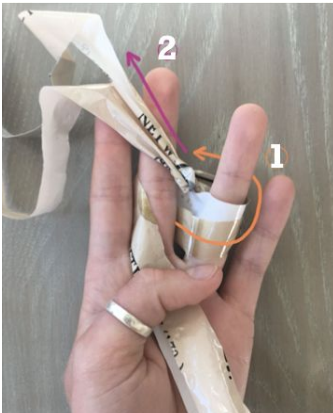
2. Place the plarn as shown below and hold it with your thumb.



3. Wrap it under your middle finger and over your ring finger.



4. Wrap the plarn under and around the ring finger (1) bringing the plastic back up between the two middle fingers (2).



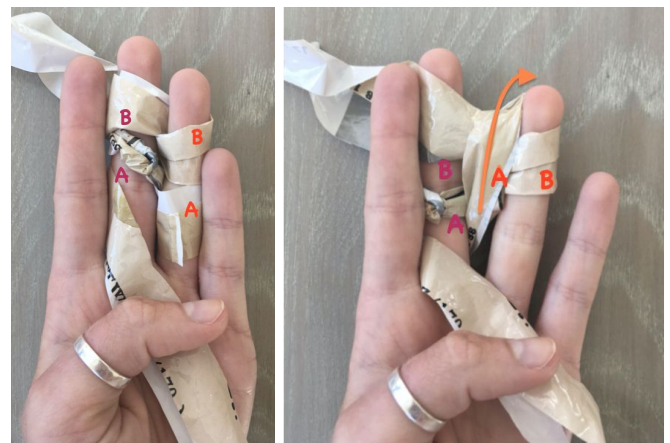
5. Wrap the plarn over and around the middle finger and bring it back up between the two middle fingers.



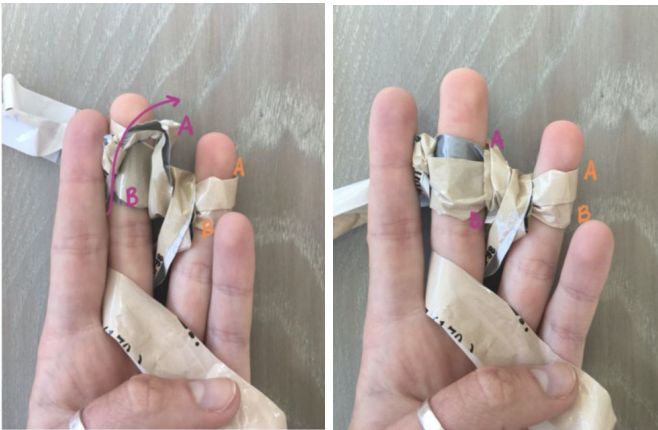
6. Wrap the plarn around the ring finger bringing the plastic back up between the two middle fingers.



7. You should have two loops of the plarn wrapped around both fingers (A & B). Bring the lower loop that is wrapped around your ring finger (orange A) up and over the loop on the top of that finger (orange B). Be careful not to move the position of the upper loop on that finger.



8. Do the same with the middle finger by bringing the bottom loop (magenta A) over the top loop on the same finger (magenta B).



9. Bring the plarn under and around the middle finger and back up between the two fingers. Then, bring it over and around the ring finger.



10. Continue the finger knitting process described above.



11. Again, when you have two loops of the plarn wrapped around both fingers. Bring the right lower loop over the loop above it. Then bring the left lower loop over the loop above it.



12. Keep the finger knitting until you run out of plarn.

13. Slide your fingers out of the plarn and tie the end of your knitting. Thread the excess plarn through these loops and tie in a knot. Pull tight and cut off any excess or tuck it back into your knitting.



14. To turn your finger knitting creation into a snake, start by adding a tongue at the end of the knitting where you started.



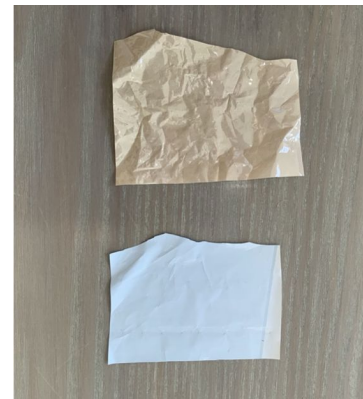
15. Tie one of the ends to itself to further secure your work and cut off the excess.



16. Cut the remaining piece shorter. Then cut a “V” shape at the end to create the snake tongue. You may also paint the tongue.



17. Create the eyes for your knitted snake. To do this, take any excess plastic (from the handles and/ or ends that you cut off in the beginning, or from another plastic bag) and cut two small square-like shapes, about 2x2 inches depending on the size of your snake.



18. Crumple up any other plastic pieces and place them in the center of the square.



19. Fold the square of plastic around the plastic ball in the center until it is covered completely. Secure it with tape, making sure that the opposite side of the plastic ball is relatively flat.

20. Take a pen or marker and draw an eye on this flat surface. Repeat this for the other eye. Tape the eyes to the end of the snake with the tongue.



Ta-da! Your finger knitted snake is ready!



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