Walmart’s Looms: Knitting and Weaving
Welcome

- **First Half: Background**
  History of knitting and weaving looms.

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  Dog sweaters: knitting loom
History of Knitting Looms

• In the 19th Century, spool looms were made from wooden spools.

• A modern equivalent spool loom is made of plastic and larger versions are called knitting looms.
Boye Spool Knitter

Founded in 1906, Boye Needle Company was the first American manufacturer of crochet hooks and knitting needles.

(Walmart) Boye Tool Jumbo Knit Spool, $7.64
Boye Round Loom Set

(Walmart) Round Loom Set
Contains one 5-1/2 inch loom; one 7-1/2 inch loom; one 9-1/2 inch loom; one 11-1/2 inch loom; one hook; one needle By Boye, $22.09
History of Weaving

Weaving existed in the Paleolithic era, as early as 27,000 years ago.

In weaving, longitudinal threads are called the warp and lateral threads are the weft.
Weaving Loom

An easy-to-use potholder weaving loom provides an understanding of warp and weft.

- The potholder loom was invented during the depression era. It was originally created for sock factories to use up waste cut from socks and hosiery during the manufacturing process. The looms were packaged with the waste fabric “loopers” and sold to depression-era housewives who used the kits to make potholders and hot pads.
- Over time, the potholder loom became more popular with children than their mothers, and by the 1950’s, it was seen mainly as a toy.
Project: Potholder

Look for a video on Martha Stewart’s Web site titled: “Making Potholders with a Loom”
Projects: Dog Sweaters, Knitting Loom(s)

(Left) Andrew, who runs the AmericanKnitter Web site, reviews the Boye looms in a YouTube video.

The dog sweater projects described in this presentation include directions for the Boye looms.

Andrew’s likes the Boye looms, but he uses the Knifty Knitter looms for his projects.

Projects: Dog Sweaters, Knitting Loom(s)

(Left) Andrew is using the Boye 7.5 inch loom in the image at left. The Knifty Knitter looms are sized differently than the Boye looms (5” blue, 7” red, 9” green, and 11” yellow) and the peg placement on the 5” blue, 9” green, and 11” is different.

Project: Dog Sweater, 7.5 inch loom

(Left) Gina Lay’s step-by-step video for creating a Small-Medium dog sweater on a Knifty Knitter 7 inch round loom.

The Boye 7.5 inch round loom is similar to the Knifty Knitter 7 inch round loom. A Boye loom will be used for a large dog sweater.
Gina Lay’s dog sweater project requires a 30 peg knitting loom (7.5 inch loom).

(Left) The peg to the left of the anchor peg is marked peg number 1 and the peg to the right is marked peg number 30. The pegs marked with red are the pegs that need to be marked with masking tape along the base of the loom. The Boye 7.5 inch round loom
Projects: Dog Sweaters, Knitting Loom(s)

(Left) In Gina’s video, her dog looks like a Dachshund.
Project: Dog Sweater, 7.5 inch loom

(Left) Gina’s sweater also fits a Maltese who weighs 10 pounds, 8 ounces.
Project: Dog Sweater, 7.5 inch loom

Notes:

- Gina’s first 20 rows of knitting in her video form the body of the sweater in the photo. Gina calls this part the neck, but the first 20 rows form the stretchiest part of the sweater.

- The sweater in the photo at left is a simple tube of mostly e-wrapped knitting stitches. There are no purling stitches that Gina adds at the end to prevent curling. After the leg opening, there are an additional 18 rows.

- Count backwards to keep track of row numbers. For example, cast on and call the row #20. The next e-wrapped row will be #19. Repeat the row number to yourself as you work.
Project: Dog Sweater, 7.5 inch loom

Notes (continued):

• The cast-off stitches (at the end of the project) create an opening that is less stretchy. This end of the tube is more suited for the neck opening.

• This project takes about 4-5 hours.

• The Lion Brand Hometown USA $2.23 skein contains enough yarn for a dog sweater.

• The weight is Number 6.

• The yarn is machine washable acrylic.
Project: Dog Sweater, 7.5 inch loom

Notes (continued):
• This photo shows masking tape used to mark the pegs for the leg openings.
• Notice there are two sections of masking tape on either side of the anchor peg.
• Except for the stitches required to close off the arm holes, each new row starts with an e-wrap of the peg to the right of the anchor peg.
Notes (continued):

- Masking tape is used mostly for masking off light fixtures and woodwork when painting rooms. The tape is easy-to-remove.

- (Walmart) Duck Brand General Purpose 0.70 In x 55 Yd. Masking Tape, Beige, $1.66 (minimum order, 2)
Project: Hanger for a Dog Sweater

Notes:

• Plastic hangers are 16 inches wide. Use a Sharpie and mark a place to cut that is 3 inches from each end.

• A tin snips is a good tool for cutting through thick plastic.

• (walmart.com) Wiss M4R Metalmaster Pipe & Duct Snips, $24.01
Project: Hanger for a Dog Sweater

Notes (continued):
- Plastic hangers should have smooth shoulder sections without divots.
- (walmart.com) Honey-can-do Hng-01195 Plastic Tubular Hangers, 15-Pack, $5.29
Project: Dog Sweater, Terminology

Notes:

• Isela Phelps has created a very helpful glossary of terms for loom knitting.
• http://isela.typepad.com/loomknitting/terminology.html
Project: Dog Sweater, Components

Rows, first part of the project

Bind-offs on leg openings

Rows, second part of the project

Strap
Prepare the Loom

1. Select the round loom in the kit you purchased with a base that measures 7.5 inches in diameter. This loom has 30 pegs.

2. Cut small masking tape pieces and mark 4 pegs for each leg opening on either side of the anchor peg. Leave 3 pegs between the pegs that you mark (see p. 10).

3. Make sure you have a bulky yarn. Example: Walmart’s $2.23 Lion Brand Hometown USA skein.
Knit the Body of the Sweater: Begin by Casting On (CO)

4. The neck section in Gina’s video is the body of the sweater in this project. Gina works on this section first.

5. Make a slip knot with your yarn, loop it around the peg, to the right of the anchor peg (peg #30), pull the knot closed and move the short end of the working yarn inside the loom. Start an e-wrap on the first peg to the right of the peg where you attached a slip knot (peg #29). Gina’s demonstration of this step is very clear and easy to follow: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_KXGY4RUt0

   E-wrap refers to wrapping yarn around a peg so as to form a cursive lower case “e.” Start e-wrapping on peg #29 and continue around the loom ending on peg #1.

6. E-wrap a second row as Gina demonstrates in her video. Counting row numbers backwards from row 20 will help you keep track of the total. A second row is number 19. This second e-wrapped row will also end on peg #1. This is the peg where you will begin to knit.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (7.5 in loom)

Notice how Gina secures her working yarn with her thumb. Use the loom hook to loop the bottom row over the top row and keep moving to the left. The last stitch in each row will be located to the right of the anchor peg (peg #30).

Note: Watch Gina push a new knitted row of stitches to the base of the knitting loom with her fingers. This makes room for a new e-wrap.

Also, when taking a break, plan to break at a point when you finish knitting a row. Tell yourself the row number where you will resume. Repeat this plan to yourself. When you pick up your project, you will e-wrap at peg #1.

Knit the Body of the Sweater: Knit 20 Rows

7. Begin e-wrapping row #18 with your working yarn on the peg to the left of the anchor peg (peg #1). The new e-wrap will begin on the peg to the right of the anchor peg (peg #30). When you have completed the new e-wrap, begin knitting your new row on the peg to the left of the anchor peg (peg #1). Continue knitting to the left. Count backwards as you knit and remind yourself which row you are working on. Example: “I am working on row 16,” or, say the row number each time you e-wrap or knit.
Bind Off (also called Casting Off) Pegs Marked with Masking Tape

8. When you finish knitting row #1, your working yarn will be on peg #1 to the right of the 4 pegs marked for a leg opening. Watch Gina bind off these 4 pegs. When she completes the bind off, the working yarn is on peg #6 to the left of the leg opening.

9. Next, Gina e-wraps to the left of the leg opening. Notice she holds the base of the loom with the pegs pointing to the right. Her first e-wrap is behind the first peg (peg #6), then across the front then behind the second peg and then down around front. Then, up, behind and around a new peg and then down in front ending and securing her yarn just before the right edge of the second leg opening (peg #24).

10. Next, starting with the peg to the right of the second leg opening (peg #24), Gina knits around to the right ending to the left of the first leg opening (peg #6). Note: the yarn on the first peg in this group is tight.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (7.5 in loom)

11. Gina’s working yarn (that she needs to bind off the second leg opening) is at peg #24. Gina uses the working yarn to bind off the second leg opening.

12. When the second leg opening is complete, the working yarn is on the right most peg of the three-peg group between the leg openings (peg #29). This is the location where Gina creates a strap.

**Use a U-Stitch to Make a Strap Between the Leg Openings**

13. Watch Gina work with a U-Stitch to make a strap. She wraps the working yarn from right to left in front of a peg and knits. To go back, she wraps the working yarn from left to right around the front of a peg and knits making 10 rows with the working yarn ending up on the right (peg #29). Note: Gina says 9 rows in the video, but 10 are needed for the yarn to end up on the right.

**Close the Leg Openings**

14. With the strap complete and the working yarn on the right, Gina holds the base of the loom with the pegs pointing to the right.

Gina begins her e-wrap on peg #29 which is the right-most peg that is part of the strap. She e-wraps to the right to close the leg openings.
moving the working yarn up and around the back of each new peg and in front. She ends the e-wrap on the first two pegs that belong to the strap.

This step adds a single row across the leg holes and double rows on the other pegs. Gina secures her working yarn and starts knitting to the left beginning on peg #30 leaving a double row on peg #29. Gina knits this last.

Note: Some of the pegs will have a single row of yarn. Knit those that have a double row.

Knit the Upper Part of the Sweater Including the Neck Opening: Knit 18 Rows

15. Consider the row to close the leg openings to be row #18. Using the same e-wrap and knit technique used to form the body of the sweater, create 17 additional rows. The e-wrap for each new row should begin on peg #30 to the right of the anchor peg. As before, knitting begins on the peg #1 to the left of the anchor peg.
Bind Off the Sweater

16. When row #1 is complete, the working yarn is on peg #1. The steps to bind off the sweater are identical to the steps to bind off a leg opening. You can start the bind off on peg #2.

17. When there is a single stitch left at the end of the bind off step (peg #30), cut the working yarn about 9 inches from the stitch. Guide this yarn through the loop that forms the stitch and pull it to form a knot.

18. Use the plastic yarn needle that comes with the knitting loom to loop and knot the yarn a few times.
Project: Dog Sweater, 11.5 inch loom

Gina Lay’s step-by-step video can be adapted to create a large dog sweater on a round loom.

The large sweater at left will fit a dog that weighs 30 to 35 pounds.

Extra large sweaters (larger than the sweater at left) will require a Martha Stewart loom (see photos at the end of these slides).

The small dog sweater requires one skein of yarn and the larger sweater requires two.
Project: Dog Sweater, 11.5 inch loom

Note: The peg positions and stitch locations for the larger dog sweater will be different.

Loom Knit Dog Sweater, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_KXGY4RUt0
(Left) This photo of the Boye looms is on the back of the box and must be Photoshopped.

The anchor pegs in the photo of the round looms at left line up with pegs. The anchor pegs do line up with pegs on all of the looms except the 7.5 inch (blue) making the loom very similar to the 7 inch Knifty Knitter loom.
Project: Dog Sweater, 11.5 inch loom

A large dog sweater requires a 40 peg knitting loom (11.5 inch loom).

(Left) The peg opposite the anchor peg is marked peg number 1 and the peg to the right is marked peg number 40. The pegs marked with red are the pegs that need to be marked with masking tape along the base of the loom.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (11.5 in loom)

Prepare the Loom

1. Select the round loom in the kit you purchased with a base that measures 11.5 inches in diameter. This loom has 40 pegs.

2. Cut small masking tape pieces and mark 6 pegs for each leg opening on either side of the anchor peg. Leave 4 pegs between the pegs that you mark (see the photo on p. 31).

3. Make sure you have a bulky yarn. Example: Walmart’s $2.23 Lion Brand Hometown USA skein.
Knit the Body of the Sweater: Begin by Casting On (CO)

4. The neck section in Gina’s video is the body of the sweater in this project. Gina works on this section first.

5. Make a slip knot with your yarn, loop it around the peg behind the anchor peg (peg #1), pull the knot closed and move the short end of the working yarn inside the loom. Start an e-wrap on the first peg to the right of the peg where you attached a slip knot (peg #40). Gina’s demonstration of this step is very clear and easy to follow: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_KXGY4RUt0

E-wrap refers to wrapping yarn around a peg so as to form a cursive lower case “e.” An e-wrapped rows will end on peg #2 to the left of the anchor peg.

6. E-wrap a second row as Gina demonstrates in her video. Counting row numbers backwards from row 40 will help you keep track of the total number of rows you add to the project. A second row is number 39. This is also the position of the working yarn and the peg where you will begin to knit.
Notice how Gina secures her working yarn with her thumb. Use the loom hook to loop the bottom row over the top row and keep moving to the left. The last stitch in each row will be located behind the anchor peg (peg #1).

Note: Watch Gina push a new knitted row of stitches to the base of the knitting loom with her fingers. This makes room for a new e-wrap.

Also, when taking a break, plan to break at a point when you finish knitting a row. Tell yourself the row number where you will resume. Repeat this plan to yourself. When you pick up your project, you will e-wrap at peg #1.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (11.5 in loom)

Reference Photos for Steps 5 and 6

Photo: Slip knot tied to peg #1.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (11.5 in loom)

Reference Photos for Steps 5 and 6

Photo: First e-wrap to the right on peg #40.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (11.5 in loom)

Reference Photos for Steps 5 and 6

Photo: End of e-wrap in row 1 on peg #2.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (11.5 in loom)

Reference Photos for Steps 5 and 6

Photo: End of e-wrap in row 2 on peg #2.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (11.5 in loom)

Knit the Body of the Sweater: Knit 40 Rows

7. Begin e-wrapping row # 38 using your working yarn on the peg behind peg #2 and wrapping the first “e” on peg #1. When you have completed the new e-wrap, begin knitting your new row on the on peg #2.

Continue knitting to the left. Push each new knitted row down with your fingers before beginning a new e-wrap.

Count backwards as you begin each new row and remind yourself which row you are working on. Example: “I am working on row 16,” or, say the row number each time you e-wrap or knit.

You will need to work from row 40 to row 1 for this part of the project.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (11.5 in loom)

Reference Photo for Step 7

Photo: Knitting started on 9 pegs to the right showing the working yarn stationary on peg #2 and the end of the slip knot on peg #1.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (11.5 in loom)

Bind Off (also called Casting Off) Pegs Marked with Masking Tape

8. When you finish knitting row #1, your working yarn will be on peg #2 to the right of the 6 pegs marked for a leg opening. Watch Gina bind off 4 pegs in the small dog sweater (6 pegs for the larger sweater). When you complete the bind off on the large sweater, the working yarn is on peg #9 to the left of the leg opening.
Reference Photos for Step 8

Photo: Working yarn on peg #2 to the right of the 6 pegs marked for a leg opening.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (11.5 in loom)

Reference Photos for Step 8

Photo: Gina getting ready to bind off the first leg opening. Notice her working yarn is on the peg to the right of the pegs she taped.

REMEMBER: Gina's peg positions are for the 7 inch Knifty Knitter loom. The steps in this section are for the large dog sweater created on the 11.5 inch Boye loom.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (11.5 in loom)

Reference Photos for Step 8

Photo: Working yarn on peg #9 to the left of the leg opening.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (11.5 in loom)

9. Next, Gina e-wraps to the left of the leg opening. Notice she holds the base of the loom with the pegs pointing to the right. Her first e-wrap is behind the first peg (peg #9), then across the front then behind the second peg and then down around front. Then, up, behind and around a new peg and then down in front ending and securing her yarn just before the right edge of the second leg opening (peg #32).

10. Next, starting with the peg to the right of the second leg opening (peg #32), Gina knits around to the right ending to the left of the first leg opening (peg #9). Note: the yarn on the first peg in this group is tight.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (11.5 in loom)

Reference Photos for Step 9 and 10

Photo: Completed e-wrap to the left with yarn secured on peg #32.

Photo: First few knit stitches completed with working yarn stationary on peg #32.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (11.5 in loom)

11. Gina’s working yarn (that she needs to bind off the second leg opening) is at peg #32. Gina uses the working yarn to bind off the second leg opening.

12. When the second leg opening is complete, the working yarn is on the right-most peg of the four-peg group between the leg openings (peg #39). This is the location where Gina will create a strap.

Use a U-Stitch to Make a Strap Between the Leg Openings

13. Watch Gina work with a U-Stitch to make a strap. She wraps the working yarn from right to left in front of a peg and knits. To go back, she wraps the working yarn from left to right around the front of a peg and knits making 14 rows with the working yarn ending up on the right-most peg of the four-peg group (peg #39).
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (11.5 in loom)

Reference Photo for Step 12

Photo: Getting ready to u-stitch the strap on the large dog sweater with the working yarn is on the right-most peg of the four-peg group between the leg openings (peg #39).
Close the Leg Openings

14. With the strap complete and the working yarn on the right-most peg of the four-peg group, Gina holds the base of the loom with the pegs pointing to the right.

Gina begins her e-wrap using the working yarn on peg #39 which is the right-most peg that is part of the strap. She e-wraps to the right to close the leg openings moving the working yarn up and around the back of each new peg and in front. End the e-wrap on the first three pegs that belong to the strap.

This step adds a single row across the leg holes and double rows on the other pegs. Gina secures her working yarn and starts knitting to the left beginning on peg #40 leaving a double row on peg #39. Gina knits this last.

Note: Some of the pegs will have a single row of yarn. Knit those that have a double row.
Reference Photos for Step 13 and 14

Photo: Working yarn beginning an e-wrap on peg #39 which is the right-most peg that is part of the strap. She e-wraps to the right to close the leg openings moving the working yarn up and around the back of each new peg and in front. End the e-wrap on the first three pegs that belong to the strap.

This step adds a single row across the leg holes and double rows on the other pegs. Gina secures her working yarn and starts knitting to the left beginning on peg #40 leaving a double row on peg #39. Gina knits this last.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (11.5 in loom)

Reference Photos for Step 13 and 14

Photo: Completing the e-wrap to the right, securing the yarn and getting ready to knit.

Photo: Finished knitting the first three stitches to the left (shown in the photo above) leaving a double row on peg #39. Notice there is only a single row of yarn on the pegs taped to mark the leg openings (no knitting required here but continue to knit to the left). The working yarn is stationary on peg #2.
Reference Photos for Step 13 and 14

Photo: Remembering to knit the last stitch on peg #39. Notice the working yarn is stationary on peg #40.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (11.5 in loom)

Knit the Upper Part of the Sweater Including the Neck Opening: Knit 27 Rows

15. Consider the first row to close the leg openings (with single and double rows of yarn) to be row # 27. Using the same e-wrap and knit technique used to form the body of the sweater, create 26 additional rows. Count backwards as you knit and remind yourself which row you are working on.

The last stitch in each row will be located behind the anchor peg (peg # 1). E-wraps for new rows will begin on peg #40.

**Note:** At this point in the project, you will need a second skein of yarn. Make a tight knot and push the ends into the interior of the sweater. Trim the ends when you have finished the project.
Reference Photos for Step 15

Photo: Remembering to knit the last stitch on peg #39. Notice the working yarn is stationary on peg #40.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (11.5 in loom)

Reference Photos for Step 15

Photo: The new e-wrap for row #26 begins on peg #40 which is also the position of the working yarn.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (11.5 in loom)

Reference Photos for Step 15

Photo: Tight knot to add a second skein of yarn. Push the ends to the interior of the sweater and trim at the end of the project.
Bind Off the Sweater

16. When row #1 is complete, the working yarn is on peg #40. The steps to bind off the sweater are identical to the steps to bind off a leg opening. You can start the bind off on peg #1.

17. When there is a single stitch left at the end of the bind off step (peg #40), cut the working yarn about 9 inches from the stitch. Guide this yarn through the loop that forms the stitch and pull it to form a knot.

18. Use the plastic yarn needle that comes with the knitting loom to loop and knot the yarn a few times.
There are looms with more than 40 pegs. Dogs that weigh more than 30 pounds will need an extra large dog sweater. This size project can be knitted on a large loom you can assemble with pieces from Martha Stewart’s Knit and Weave Loom Kit.
Project: Dog Sweater, XLarge loom

(Left) Amanda Crayle Pratt explains how large looms can be assembled with Martha Stewart’s Knit and Weave Loom Kit in her video available at YouTube.
Gina Lay’s dog sweater project can be adapted for a very small breed such as a Yorkshire Terrier. The steps are slightly different because of the number of pegs.

(Left) In this example, the peg opposite the anchor peg is marked peg #1 and the peg to the right is marked peg #24.

The pegs marked with dark orange are the pegs that need to be marked with masking tape along the base of the loom.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (5.5 in loom)

Prepare the Loom

1. Select the smallest round loom in the kit you purchased with a base that measures 5.5 inches in diameter (an approximate measurement). This loom has 24 pegs.

2. Cut small masking tape pieces and mark 4 pegs for each leg opening on either side of the anchor peg. Leave 3 pegs between the pegs that you mark.

3. Make sure you have a bulky yarn. Example: Walmart’s $2.23 Lion Brand Hometown USA skein.
Knit the Body of the Sweater: Begin by Casting On (CO)

4. The neck section in Gina’s video is the body of the sweater in this project. Gina works on this section first.

5. Make a slip knot with your yarn, loop it around the peg, opposite the anchor peg (peg #1), pull the knot closed and place the short end of the working yarn inside the loom. Start an e-wrap on the peg to the right of the peg where you attached a slip knot (peg #24). Gina’s demonstration of this step is very clear and easy to follow: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_KXGY4RUt0

E-wrap refers to wrapping yarn around a peg so as to form a cursive lower case “e.” Start e-wrapping on peg #24 and continue around the loom ending on peg #2.

6. E-wrap a second row as Gina demonstrates in her video. Counting row numbers backwards from row 14 will help you keep track of the total. A second row is number 13. This second e-wrapped row will begin on peg #1 and end on peg #2. This is the peg where you will begin to knit.
Notice how Gina secures her working yarn with her thumb. Use the loom hook to loop the bottom row over the top row and keep moving to the left. The last stitch in each row will be located opposite the anchor peg (peg #1).

Note: Watch Gina push a new knitted row of stitches to the base of the knitting loom with her fingers. This makes room for a new e-wrap.

Also, when taking a break, plan to break at a point when you finish knitting a row. Tell yourself the row number where you will resume. Repeat this plan to yourself. When you pick up your project, you will e-wrap at peg #1.

Knit the Body of the Sweater: Knit 14 Rows

7. Begin e-wrapping row #12 with your working yarn on the peg to the left of the anchor peg (peg #2) starting the e-wrap on peg #1. When you have completed the new e-wrap, begin knitting your new row on the peg to the left of the anchor peg (peg #2). Continue knitting to the left. Count backwards as you knit and remind yourself which row you are working on. Example: “I am working on row 12,” or, say the row number each time you e-wrap or knit.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (5.5 in loom)

Bind Off (also called Casting Off) Pegs Marked with Masking Tape

8. When you finish knitting row #1, your working yarn will be on peg #2 to the right of the 4 pegs marked for a leg opening. Watch Gina bind off these 4 pegs. When she completes the bind off, the working yarn is on peg #7 to the left of the leg opening.

9. Next, Gina e-wraps to the left of the leg opening. Notice she holds the base of the loom with the pegs pointing to the right. Her first e-wrap is behind the first peg (peg #7), then across the front then behind the second peg and then down around front. Then, up, behind and around a new peg and then down in front ending and securing her yarn just before the right edge of the second leg opening (peg #19).

10. Next, starting with the peg to the right of the second leg opening (peg #19), Gina knits around to the right ending to the left of the first leg opening (peg #7). Note: the yarn on the first peg in this group is tight.
Project: Dog Sweater, Steps (5.5 in loom)

11. Gina’s working yarn (that she needs to bind off the second leg opening) is at peg #19. Gina uses the working yarn to bind off the second leg opening.

12. When the second leg opening is complete, the working yarn is on the right most peg of the three-peg group between the leg openings (peg #24). This is the location where Gina creates a strap.

Use a U-Stitch to Make a Strap Between the Leg Openings

13. Watch Gina work with a U-Stitch to make a strap. She wraps the working yarn from right to left in front of a peg and knits. To go back, she wraps the working yarn from left to right around the front of a peg and knits making 10 rows with the working yarn ending up on the right (peg #24). Note: Gina says 9 rows in the video, but 10 are needed for the yarn to end up on the right.

Close the Leg Openings

14. With the strap complete and the working yarn on the right, Gina holds the base of the loom with the pegs pointing to the right.

Gina begins her e-wrap on peg #24 which is the right-most peg that is part of the strap. She e-wraps to the right to close the leg openings.
moving the working yarn up and around the back of each new peg and in front. She ends the e-wrap on the first two pegs that belong to the strap.

This step adds a single row across the leg holes and double rows on the other pegs. Gina secures her working yarn and starts knitting to the left beginning on peg #1 leaving a double row on peg #24. Gina knits this last.

Note: Some of the pegs will have a single row of yarn. Knit those that have a double row.

**Knit the Upper Part of the Sweater Including the Neck Opening: Knit 12 Rows**

15. Consider the row to close the leg openings to be row #12. Using the same e-wrap and knit technique used to form the body of the sweater, create 11 additional rows. The e-wrap for each new row should begin on peg #1 opposite the anchor peg. Knitting begins on the peg #2.
Bind Off the Sweater

16. When row #1 is complete, the working yarn is on peg #2. The steps to bind off the sweater are identical to the steps to bind off a leg opening. You can start the bind off on the pegs marked for the left leg opening.

17. When there is a single stitch left at the end of the bind off step (peg #1), cut the working yarn about 9 inches from the stitch. Guide this yarn through the loop that forms the stitch and pull it to form a knot.

18. Use the plastic yarn needle that comes with the knitting loom to work the excess yarn through the knitting at the edges. Loop and knot the yarn a few times to secure the ends.