

Merry Christmas from Hazel Rose Looms!



Well, Hello again, Weavers.

The Thanksgiving project sheet and letter from the editor was a bit late for the season, but we've barely been in business a month so I hope you'll all save the projects for next fall. If you hurry, you'll have time for some of the Christmas projects! One nice thing about them is you can finish one or more in an evening.

This has been an exciting month for Randy and I. We are both delighted with the response to we've received to our little looms. Weavers are already 'inventing' projects and having fun taking mine and making them better. I love it. I don't want these looms spending a lot of time in the back of the closet with the UFO's!

I'm starting to get some response to my little survey, too. I must say, we are a fiber active group! Most seem to knit, crochet, sew, many spin... I'm going to make up a little chart for my own use and will probably share (on an anonymous basis) the results so we can kind of get to know each other. I'm looking toward the Dreary Months and planning some projects to give us something to do while we wait for spring.

Meantime....

The Very Best Happy wishes for you and your family during this Holiday season... which ever holidays you celebrate!



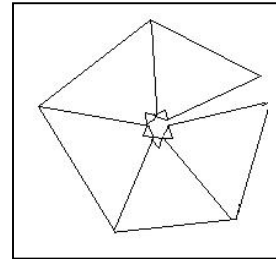
I'm including a couple of patterns for Christmas, that you might enjoy making. I think children could make the slippers by modifying the trim. You could stitch on some fancy rick-rack or a thin slice of fake fur. **Merry! Merry!**

CHRISTMAS TREE SKIRT FOR A SMALL TREE.

A project for the 12 tri loom.

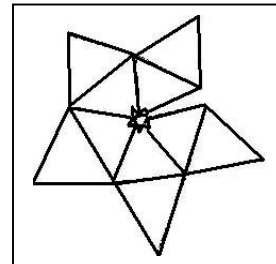


You'll need 5 12" triangles. I used regular Red Heat acrylic in white and some red and green for trim. The tri's are put together with the points inward and one seam left open.



The tips of the tri*s are left unstitched and turn down forming the hole for the trunk. I sewed mine together using a blanket stitch and trimmed the edges with a blanket stitch in two colors. It could be crocheted together also. The turned down tips have bells sewn on. The ties are just pieces of yarn tied onto the open side but you could use buttons.

This project could be made with the bigger tri*s if you happen to own one of those looms. I think it could also be made bigger by adding another layer of tri*s, giving it a scalloped look.



I think you can see where this could go! The decorating possibilities are about unlimited; beads, embroidery, variegated yarns, etc. Maybe even cross stitch? I see no reason why this couldn't be done with the 12" square. You'd have the star shape tree skirt with your five squares. If you make one, send me a picture, please.

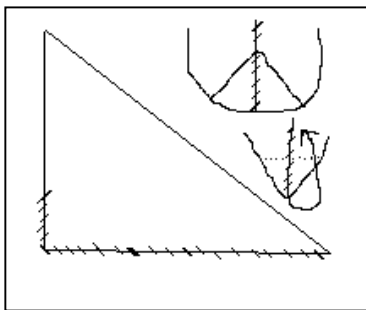
A Pixie Slipper CENTERPIECE

a project for the 12" or 8" square looms



You need one square woven in red and some white yarn for trim. I used a bit of Lion Brand imitation mohair, I forget what they call it. It's just a bit fuzzy. Or use the real thing.

Weave your square and fold it diagonally in half. Whip stitch along the bottom side to the corner and up the other side about 3 1/2". Knot. Open the 'heel' up with your fingers and turn up a small triangle and tack to make a square heel.



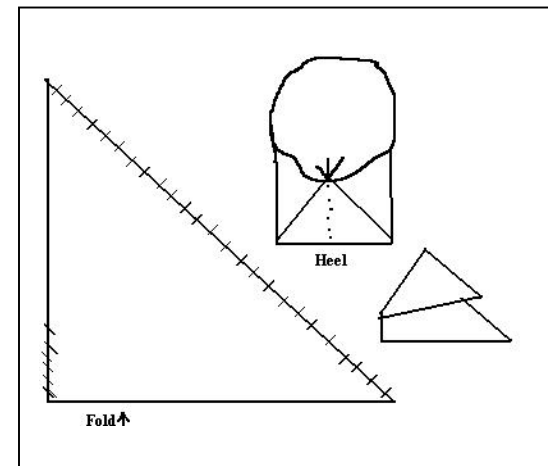
Work a single crochet border around the opening and fold down as in the picture. Make a pompom for the toe or sew on a jingle bell. Stuff the toe a bit and set a short glass or vase with a frog in the shoe for your arrangement for greenery or candy canes.

Here is the same Pixie Slipper as a tree ornament. Add some dried flowers or small candy canes. This one is made with the 8" Tri Loom. Or use the 8" square to make a bigger one. It will also work with the 12" Tri for the center piece, of course. So you see that you can make this project with whatever loom you have! The method of sewing them together differs somewhat.



Fold your tri in half... it is still a triangle. Sew up the long side, neatly. Sew up the heel about 1 & 1/2" and fold it up about 1/2" and tack in place to make a square heel.

Crochet the trim around the open edge and fold down. Sew a bell or pompom to the toe and add a hanging string, if you're making the small one. Stuff a cotton ball in the toe to shape it.



By the way, this small tri slipper fits your American girl or other 18" girl dolls if you are making her a Christmas outfit! Add one step: Turn the slipper inside-out, making the toe less pointed and a better fit. Trim is optional. Slippers & a new shawl for her. She'll love it!

