Big Rainbow Knit FAQ

Q: What size should my square be?
A: Please make your square 15 x15 cm (6" x 6") or 30cm x 30cm (12' x12'). You can also create rectangles of 15cm x 30cm (6" x12").

Q: Is it just knitting?
A: No any yarny discipline including crochet, weaving, peg looming, felting….you could construct squares from shrunken knitwear and embellish. There are ideas and 'How too videos on the website https://woveninkirklees.co.uk/get-involved/the-big-rainbow-knit/

Q: Where can I get ideas for squares?
A: Go on our website https://woveninkirklees.co.uk/get-involved/the-big-rainbow-knit/ where you will find downloadable patterns and resources. Join our Big Rainbow Knit Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/groups/357709348852865/ where you will be able to ask for ideas and advice from others taking part

Q: Can I use more than one colour in a square?
A: No, but you can create pattern by using different hues of the same colour ie bottle green and light green; maroon red and crimson red AND you can use black or white to border or highlight if you like.

Q: What colour do you need most?
A: Any of the 7 Rainbow colours at the moment. Remember the saying….Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain for the colours: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet. You could focus on Green and Red if you fancied knitting Christmassy colours in December. We will put out a call for specific colours if find we are short on our monthly counts.

Q: Do I need to sew in the yarn ends?
A: No just leave them

Q: Should I sew my squares together?
A: Yes please if you would like to but remember to keep the colours separate. It's fine not to as well.

Q: Can I use any rainbow coloured yarn?
A: Yes as long it is ONE of the rainbow colours not a mix of different rainbow colours. It can be any shade of the one colour, or a mix of shades. Black and White can be incorporated if you want to add design features.

Q: What kind of yarn should I use?
A: Our patterns use double knit weight yarn. Remember to use bigger needles and less stitches for thicker yarn (Worsted or chunky) and smaller needles and more stitches for thinner yarn (4ply or lace). Acrylic yarn is best for this project.

Q: Where can I get yarn from?
A: On line is a great source of inexpensive yarn as are supermarkets and pound shops. This is a great stash-busting project for established yarn crafters so if you are a beginner it's worth asking anyone you know if they have any left over yarn you can use. We are hoping to set up a yarn bank in the new year and do have access to resources, so get in touch if you need yarn to take part.

Q: What do I do with the squares I have knitted?
A: Send them to
Big Knit,
Queensgate Market, 1st floor office,
Princess Alexandra Walk,
Huddersfield,
West Yorkshire, UK
HD1 2UJ
Please include your name, postcode and name of group if you are involved through them

Q: How many squares are needed?
A: 2,500 is our minimum target. The more we get the further down the pillars we can come…

Q: When do you need the squares?
A: We are setting targets – the first one is to get 500 squares by the beginning of January and new targets will be posted every month until May. The Installation will be up from June

Q: Can my group/school/staff/organisation/business take part
A: Yes…we are keen to get as many people involved as possible and to support you in doing this. Please email us at   if you have a specific request
and register on our web page https://woveninkirklees.co.uk/get-involved/the-big-rainbow-knit/

Q: Can I take part if I don't live in Kirklees?
A: Yes…the more the merrier!

Q: What are you going to do with all the squares after the WOVEN Festival?
A: We plan to deconstruct it into blankets for a variety of charitable causes. If you have any ideas for this please get in touch.

Q: How do I get up-to-date information on the project
A: Subscribe to the project the website: https://woveninkirklees.co.uk/get-involved/the-big-rainbow-knit/ to receive regular newsletters