

General Tools

In addition to the necessary netting equipment described in the other handouts, there are other more general craft items which are helpful:

Scissors

A pair of scissors is essential. It is used to cut thread when one fills the needle or shuttle, joins new thread to the netting, and repairs a large mistake. Unlike knitting or crocheting, which unravel easily, netting must be untied one knot at a time or cut off if the mistake has gone unnoticed for a long time.



Needles

A tapestry needle can be used as a netting needle to net small areas where thread is too short for the regular netting needle. Small size tapestry needles can also be used to poke and pry at a knot that needs to be untied and help loosen it enough to untie it.

A small hand-sewing needle may be used as a netting needle to attach row one of netting to cloth centers.



Locking Stitch Markers

Borrowed from knitting, these markers are used to mark where increases, decreases, or other stitch patterns start.



Beads

Beads are used as anchors in circular netting. They are also used to decorate netting.



Needle Gauge

A needle gauge (for knitting needles) is used to select the proper size double-pointed knitting needle to be used as a mesh stick.



Measuring Device

A tape measure or ruler is helpful in determining the length of netting completed or the width of a mesh stick.



Sources for General Tools

Your local craft store, fabric store, or hardware store may carry what you want. If not, here are some online sites that carry these general tools.

Company Name Link to Web-site	Supplies They Sell
Hancock Fabrics http://www.hancockfabrics.com/	scissors, needles, locking stitch markers, beads, needle gauge, tape measure
Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores http://www.joann.com/	scissors, needles, locking stitch markers, beads, needle gauge, tape measure
Lacis http://lacis.com/	scissors, needles, locking stitch markers, beads, needle gauge, tape measure
Rings and Things http://www.rings-things.com/	beads