

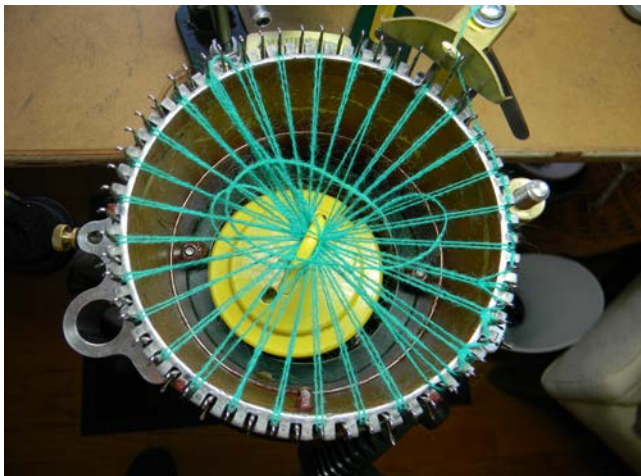
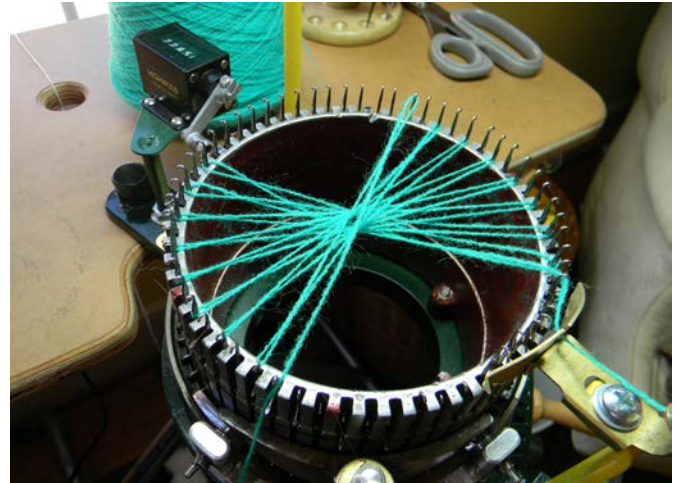
# Emergency Cast-On Trick

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Yikes! You're at a crank-in or a demo at your local fiber festival, you dig through your stuff & you realize you've forgotten your cast-on bonnet or other cast-on device. It's happened to me...and after dope-slapping my forehead, I faked it this way.

Using waste yarn (or even sock yarn if you have to!), pull several yards of yarn through the yarn carrier & drop it down through the center of the cylinder. Using the tail, do the following:

- (1) Pick any needle, loop the yarn around it, cross the cylinder to the opposite side, then loop the yarn around that needle.
- (2) Cross the cylinder again & loop the yarn two needles to the left of the first needle you wrapped.
- (3) Cross the cylinder again & loop the yarn two needles to the right of the second needle you wrapped.



- (4) Continue in this manner, looping the tail of the waste yarn around every other needle, then crossing the cylinder & looping the yarn around the opposite needle, until you have looped waste yarn around every other needle all around the circumference of the cylinder.

- (5) Hang your stem weights from the center where all the yarn loops are intersecting. Try to catch every loop with the hook of the stem weights so that the downward force of the weights is evenly distributed around the cylinder.

- (6) Crank several rows with the waste yarn until stitches are established on all needles.

- (7) Make a mental note not to forget your cast-on device the next time you leave home!

