



## MATERIALS

**Red Heart® Mini™** (1.6 oz/45 g; 72 yds /66 m)

Spring Mix (9758)

**1 ball**

**Note:** 2 balls may be required if spelling a name/word with many letters

Susan Bates® Crystalites® small French knitter. Scissors. Pre-stretched canvas 12" x 24" [30.5 x 61 cm]. Acrylic paint in color of choice for background canvas. Hot glue gun and glue sticks. Pencil and eraser. Measuring tape. Susan Bates® plastic yarn needles.



CRAFT | SKILL LEVEL: **EASY**

## MEASUREMENTS

Approx 12" x 24" [30.5 x 61 cm].

## INSTRUCTIONS

- 1:** Paint canvas in desired color and allow to dry.
- 2:** Using pencil, draw name on canvas to create template (note: name should be in cursive style in order to have one continuous line)
- 3:** Use measuring tape to trace drawing of name to measure how long cord will need to be.

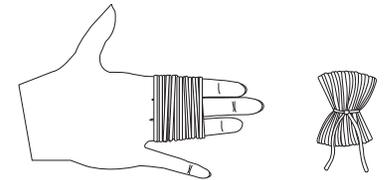
**Optional:** To create clean color breaks between letters, measure how long each letter's cord will need to be. If creating your own color breaks, separate shades of Red Heart® Mini into 4(5) separate balls of yarn.

Remember to leave yarn for pom-poms (if desired).

**4:** Create cord with French Knitter to measured length as described in Step 3.

**5:** Glue cord to canvas, tracing pencil line template.

**6:** Make 2 pom-poms in desired shades as follows: Wind yarn around 3 fingers approx 60 times. Remove from fingers and tie tightly in center. Cut through each side of loops. Trim to smooth round shape.



**7:** Glue pom-poms to beginning and end of cord as seen in picture.

## French Knitter Instructions

### How To Start

(Refer to diagrams #1 - 7)

Put the end of the yarn through the hole in the top of your French Knitter, leaving about a 4" [10 cm] tail, as shown in the picture. Put the yarn around Peg No. 1 (right in front of you), working clockwise. As you see in

the picture, then working counter clockwise, loop the yarn around Peg No. 2, Peg No. 3, and then Peg No. 4. When this is done, you are ready to knit. Now it is best to hold the French Knitter and the yarn in your left hand, and the French Knitter Needle in your right hand.

To begin knitting, run the yarn around the outside of the first peg, above the original loop of the yarn that you made before. Working always from the left hand side of the peg, as you see in the picture, put your needle in the original or bottom loop. Pick up the loop and slip it over the top piece of yarn on the same peg and drop it right off the peg. Then, pull the tail of the yarn at the bottom of the French Knitter to make an even stitch. Do the same thing on the second, third and fourth pegs and repeat. Soon your knitting will come through the bottom of the French Knitter. Keep knitting until you have the length of knitting you need.

### To Cast Off

When you have finished the length of knitting you need, take the last loop you made off the peg and put it on the left. Now pick up the bottom loop, slip it over the top loop and drop it right off the peg. Pull the tail of yarn, as usual, for even stitches. Do the same thing, putting the remaining loop from the peg on which you're working to the peg on the left, and so on, until only one loop is left. Cut the end of the yarn about 4" [10 cm] above the finished knitting and put through the last loop on the French Knitter. Then take the loop right off the peg and pull the yarn tight, turning the last loop into a knot.

### To Add Yarn

To add more yarn or to join different colors, put the two ends of the yarn together and just make a tight knot about ½" [1 cm] from the loose ends. When you get to the knot in knitting, hide the loose ends in the center of the knitting.

