Make Your Own Knitting Needles

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Making your own knitting needles can be fun. Yarn will not slip as easily on wooden knitting needles, making them a good choice for beginners.

You will need:

Stitch gauge
36" Wooden dowel
4 Wooden beads
Pencil sharpener
150 grit Sand paper
Glue

Knitting needle size	10	11	13	15	17
Wooden dowel size	¼"	5/15"	3/8"	7/16"	½"
Wooden bead	16mm	16mm	20mm	20mm	24mm

A 36" wooden dowel can be cut into fourths to make two sets of 9" knitting needles. If the beads do not have a large enough hole drill a hole the same size as the diameter of the dowel. Sharpen the end of the dowel with a pencil sharpener. (The ½" dowel may need to be sanded smaller to fit into the pencil sharpener). Glue the bead on one end or sharpen both ends for double pointed needles. Sand until smooth with fine sand paper. Check with a knit cloth or sock to make sure there are no rough areas.