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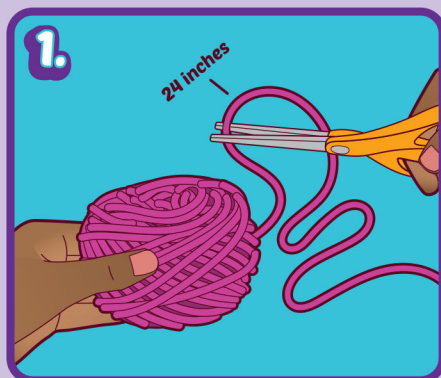
Let's get looping with Yarnimals™! First use the Quick-Start Guide below to learn how and practice looping the heart charm.
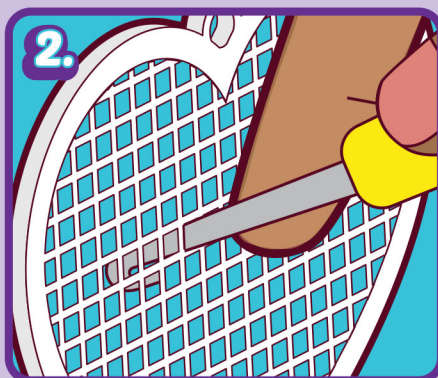
We've included 3 extra yards of yarn in each color for you to practice! Then follow the color-coded diagram in the center of this guide to create your Yarnimals Panda!
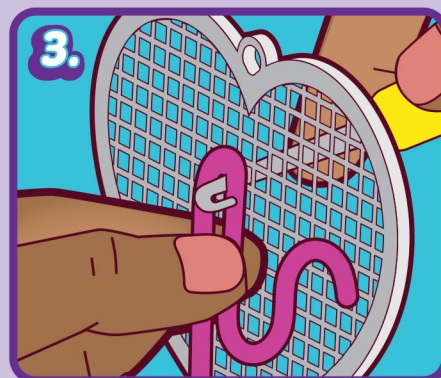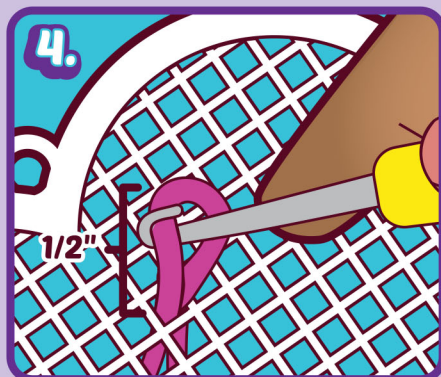
Quick-Start Guide

1. 24 inches

Find the outer end of the yarn, unwind and cut a 24-inch (61 cm) length of yarn. There's a ruler in the center of the guide to help you measure yarn!
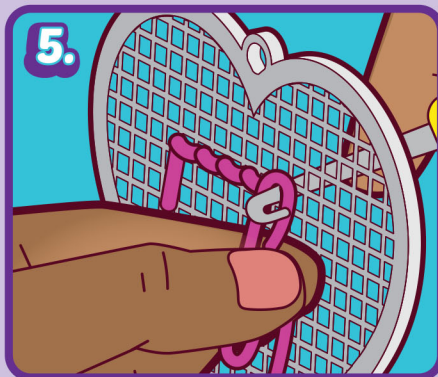
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Push the looping tool through one mesh square from the front of the form to the back.
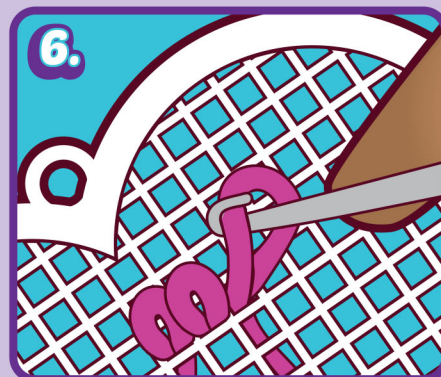
3.

Make a loop of yarn over the hook of the looping tool on the back side of the mesh, leaving a 2-inch (5 cm) tail hanging.

4. 1/2"

Pull a half-inch (1.3 cm) loop through the front. This length is perfect for fluffy loops and will help you keep it in place.

5.

To continue, insert your looping tool into an adjacent square, make a loop on the backside with yarn...

6.

...and pull up another half-inch (1.3 cm) loop! Repeat steps 5–6 to fill in the heart shape with loops. If you come to the end of a yarn piece, leave a 1-inch (2.5 cm) tail on the back of the heart, then start at step 1 again with a new piece.
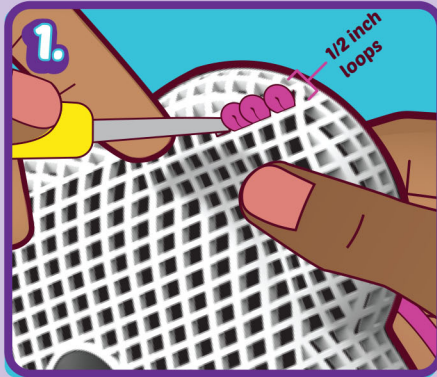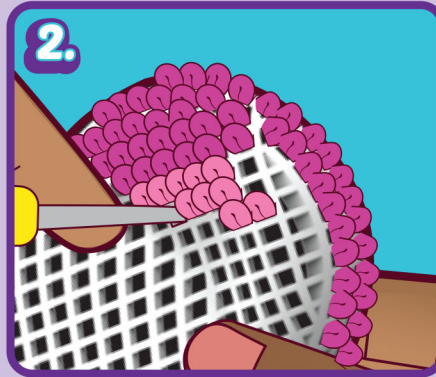
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Creating Your Yarnimals™ Panda

1.

1/2 inch loops

Start looping one half of the panda form, using the same technique you practiced from the Quick-Start Guide on the first page.

TIP
Start in smaller areas first like the ears, nose, or feet!

2.

Switching colors is easy!

Leave or snip your remaining yarn tail on the back of the form and simply start a new loop with a new piece of yarn.

TIP
Leave at least a 1-inch (2.5 cm) tail on the back to prevent your last loop from pulling all the way out.

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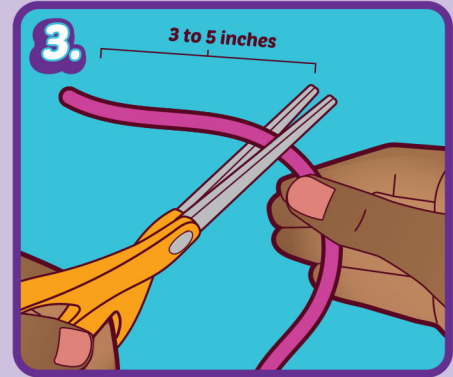
3 to 5 inches

If you missed a hole or a loop fell out, you can return to any area with a smaller piece of yarn.

Try a 3- to 5-inch (7.5-12.5 cm) piece of yarn for filling in gaps.
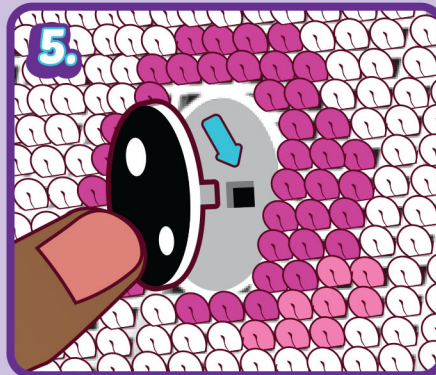
4.

pick up loop
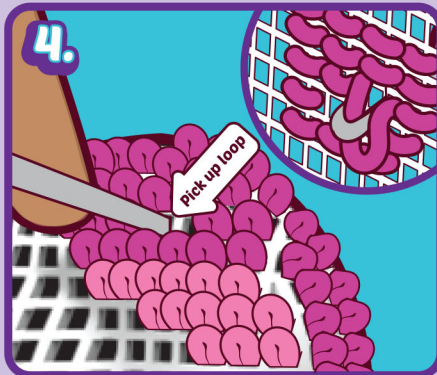
You can also carefully pull fallen loops back up through the grid.

5.

When you finish looping the front half of your panda, snap the eyes into place. Match the eye etched with an "L" to the left side and "R" to the right.

6.
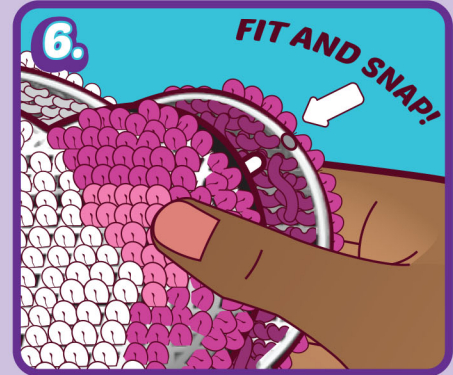
FIT AND SNAP!

Next, loop the back half of your panda mesh form. When you're finished looping, simply fit and snap the two halves together by aligning the pins and sockets around the mesh form's edges!

TIP
Don't worry about some grid holes being too small to loop. Cover those small areas by making slightly longer loops in the adjacent holes; the extra fluff from those longer surrounding loops will fill in the gaps.
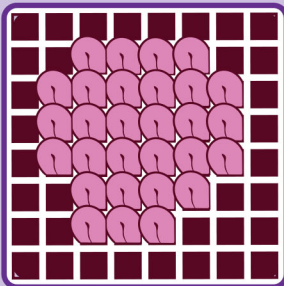
INCHES

1   2   3   4   5   6   7

CM

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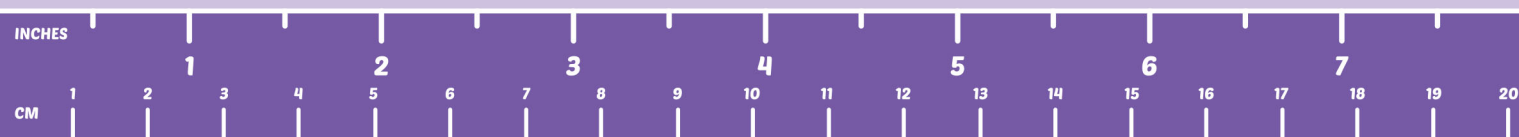
Yarn Colors

- ♥ Light Pink
- ■ Magenta
- □ White

Color Guide Front

Match the yarn color to each section!

Tips For While You Loop!

- Hold yarn behind the mesh half with your other hand while looping.

- The ears are an easy place to start looping!

- Work in holes near each other whenever possible so you don't waste yarn. Move up, down, left, right, or diagonally.

- Work on one Yarnimals mesh half at a time. You'll snap the whole thing together at the end.

Snap the eyes into the form when finished looping your Yarnimals™ Panda!

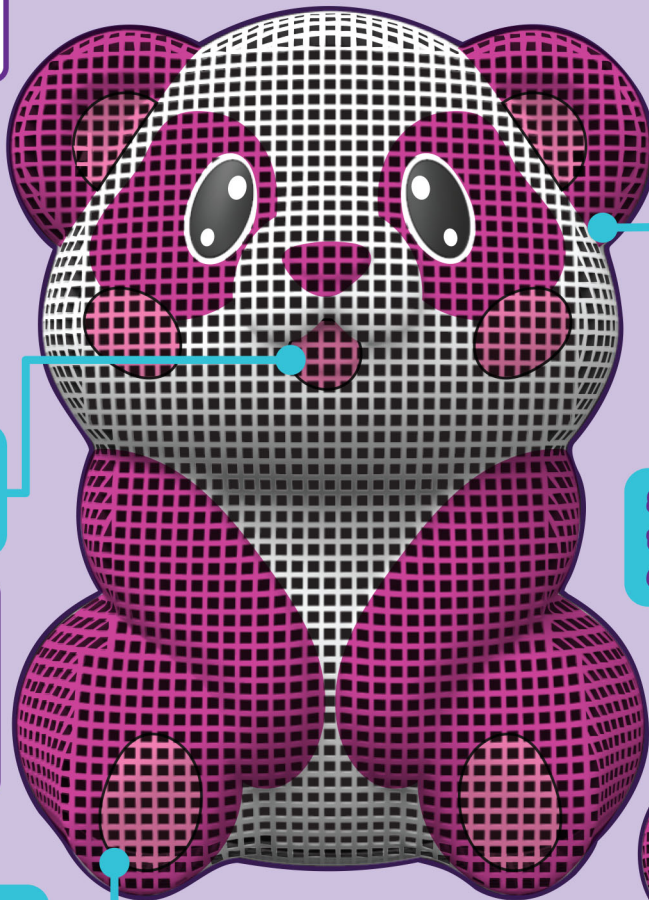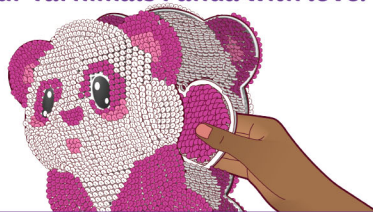Count the spaces for each row of loops to plan out your shape.

Switch from magenta to white where the ears meet the head.
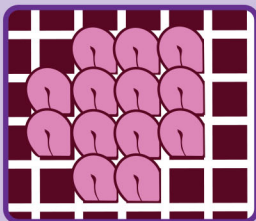
tongue shape

Color Guide Back

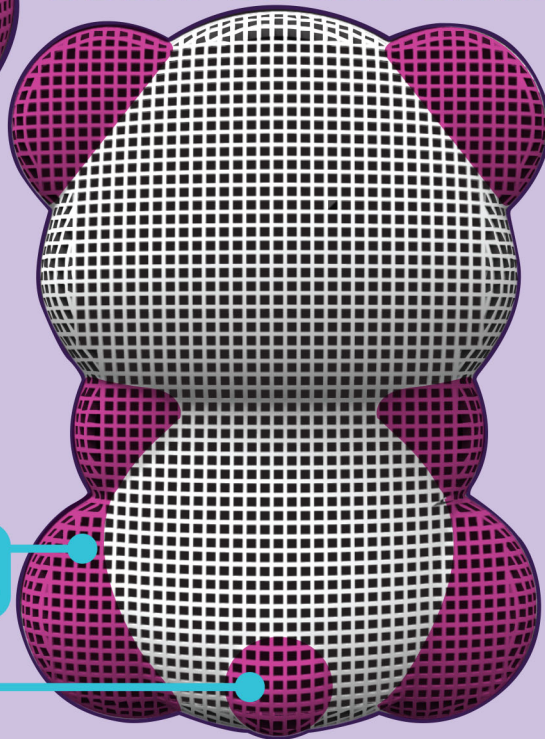Create little ovals for the Panda's foot pads with light pink yarn.

You can place your finished heart charm inside the two halves to fill your Yarnimals Panda with love!

Both legs and arms are looped in magenta. Note how the belly and back are looped in white.

foot pad shape

Follow the shape of the tail with magenta yarn.

Tips and Techniques

Holding the Tool

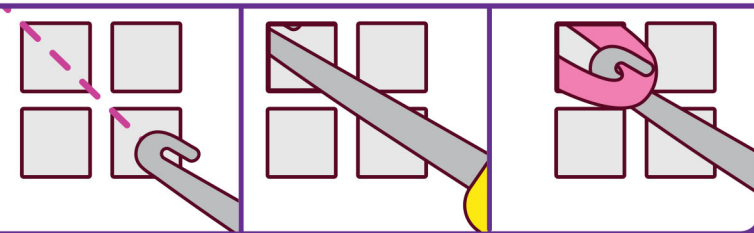Try different ways of holding the looping tool to find what's comfortable for you to make loops.

Avoiding Snags

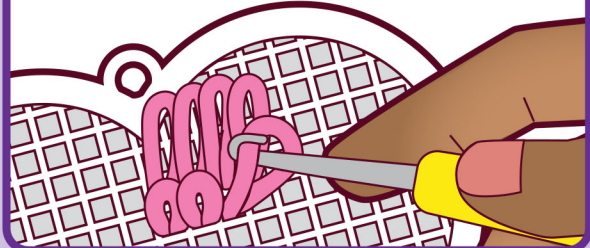Hold the loop tight with your opposite hand when pulling up a loop so you don't split the yarn.

Diagonal Technique

If a grid hole feels too tight, angle your looping tool diagonally so you enter and pull a loop out going from corner to corner.

Loop Style Options

Make longer loops for fluffier areas! Use this style sparingly, as it will use up yarn more quickly.
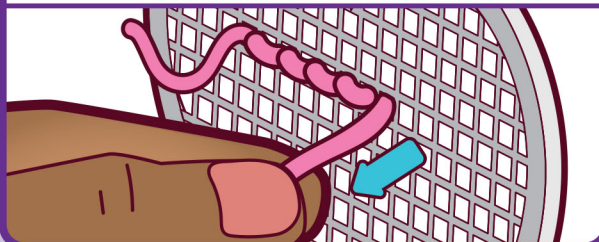
TIP

Take breaks! Doing the same motion can tire your hands easily.

Mistakes Happen

Gently pull out any loops you want to redo.