

MAKING KNITTING WEIGHTS

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Often, the use of weights can make the difference between successful knitting and a disaster. This is particular true of Bond machines including the "sweater machine" series, the EZ knitter, and the new Caron version. Antique sock machines also benefit from generous use of weights.

Some machines come with

weights. Shown at left is a claw weight (painted red for easy location in a messy work area) that came with a knitting machine. It is particularly useful at the edges of the knitting to keep stitches from dropping. Used machines may not come with their original weights and many of the Bonds no longer come with them when new. Improve by bending the tines of an inexpensive fork to make them into hooks (above right). The tines will hang nicely in the knitting without tearing it. Bend the handle to form a hook facing the opposite direction. Hang a weight in the hook of the handle. The weight on the fork shown above is from a set that came with a knitting machine. If such a weight is unavailable, substitute fishing weights on loops of string or large washers. Painting metal weights will keep them from discoloring the knitting.

