

Caron 20293

Caron 20293 Embellish-Knit! Machine Kit User Manual

Model: 20293

1. INTRODUCTION

The Caron 20293 Embellish-Knit! Machine Kit is designed to create decorative cords for various craft projects. This machine allows users to quickly produce cording for embellishing knit and crochet items, creating handles, trims, and other decorative elements. This manual provides detailed instructions for the setup, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your Embellish-Knit! Machine.

The kit includes:

- Embellish-Knit! Machine
- Weighted clip
- Tapestry needles
- Practice ball of yarn
- Color instructions
- 5 project patterns

The machine measures approximately 5.5 by 4 inches and can knit up to 18 feet of cording in about 10 minutes, accommodating various lightweight and fancy yarns.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Familiarize yourself with the main components of your Embellish-Knit! Machine.



Figure 1: Overview of the Caron Embellish-Knit! Machine Kit, showing the machine, weighted clip, and included accessories.

The machine features a hand crank, a yarn guide, and a series of hooks that work together to form the cord. The weighted clip helps maintain tension on the yarn as it is fed through the machine.

3. SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

Proper setup is crucial for the smooth operation of your Embellish-Knit! Machine. Follow these steps carefully:

1. **Unpack Components:** Remove all items from the packaging. Ensure you have the Embellish-Knit! Machine, weighted clip, tapestry needles, and practice yarn.
2. **Secure the Machine:** Place the machine on a stable, flat surface. While not strictly required, some users find it helpful to secure the machine to prevent movement during operation.
3. **Prepare Yarn:** Select a suitable yarn. The machine works best with lightweight yarns (DK weight or lighter). Highly textured, fuzzy, or very thick yarns may cause issues. It is recommended to convert skeins into yarn balls for smoother feeding.
4. **Initial Yarn Threading:**
 - Locate the yarn guide hole on the side of the machine.
 - Feed the end of your yarn through this hole from the outside in.
 - Ensure the yarn passes cleanly under the loop of the needles inside the machine.
5. **First Loop Creation:**
 - Hold the yarn end and turn the crank slowly in a clockwise direction.
 - As the first needle rises, hook the yarn onto it.
 - Continue turning the crank. As the second needle rises, hook the yarn onto it. Repeat for all needles.
 - Ensure each needle picks up the yarn correctly to form a loop.
6. **Attach Weighted Clip:** Once the initial loops are formed and the cord starts to emerge from the bottom of the machine, attach the weighted clip to the end of the emerging cord. This provides necessary tension.



Figure 2: Illustrates the initial threading of yarn through the guide hole and onto the machine's needles.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once the machine is set up, operating it is a continuous process of cranking and monitoring.

1. **Crank Operation:** Turn the hand crank slowly and steadily in a clockwise direction. Avoid turning counter-clockwise excessively, as this can disrupt the stitch formation.
2. **Monitor Yarn Feed:** Ensure the yarn feeds smoothly into the machine without being pulled too tightly. If the crank becomes difficult to turn, the yarn might be too tight or caught.
3. **Watch Stitch Formation:** Observe the needles as they pick up and drop stitches. The yarn should slip off the bottom of each needle's latch as it rises. If it doesn't, gently press it down to ensure proper stitch formation.
4. **Maintain Tension:** The weighted clip attached to the emerging cord helps maintain consistent tension. Ensure the cord hangs freely and the weight is not obstructed.
5. **Cord Length:** Continue cranking until the desired cord length is achieved. The machine can produce cording rapidly.
6. **Finishing the Cord:**
 - When you are nearing the end of your desired length, cut the yarn, leaving a tail of about 6-8 inches.
 - Continue cranking until all loops have been cast off the needles.
 - Carefully remove the finished cord from the machine.
 - Use a tapestry needle to secure the ends of the cord to prevent unraveling.



Figure 3: Demonstrates the continuous cranking motion and the emerging cord from the machine's base.

5. MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Embellish-Knit! Machine, follow these simple maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Periodically clean the machine to remove any lint or yarn fibers that may accumulate around the needles and gears. Use a soft brush or compressed air.
- **Storage:** Store the machine in a clean, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Keep it in its original packaging or a protective container to prevent dust accumulation and damage.
- **Inspection:** Before each use, inspect the needles and latches for any damage or bending. Ensure the crank turns smoothly.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues while using your Embellish-Knit! Machine, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem: Skipped Stitches or Yarn Not Forming Loops Correctly

Possible Causes:

- Yarn is too thick or highly textured.
- Yarn is not slipping off the needle's latch.
- Cranking too fast or inconsistently.
- Insufficient tension on the emerging cord.

Solutions:

- Use a lighter weight, smoother yarn.
- Manually press the yarn down off the latch if it gets stuck.
- Crank slowly and steadily.
- Ensure the weighted clip is attached and hangs freely.

Problem: Crank is Difficult to Turn or Seizes

Possible Causes:

- Yarn is pulled too tightly into the machine.
- Yarn is tangled around the needles or internal mechanisms.
- Yarn is too thick for the machine.

Solutions:

- Ensure yarn feeds loosely from the ball/skein. Consider using a yarn bowl.
- Stop cranking immediately. If yarn is tangled, carefully remove the plastic guard (if applicable, using a small Phillips head screwdriver) and detangle.
- Switch to a thinner yarn.

Problem: Cord is Uneven or Loose

Possible Causes:

- Inconsistent cranking speed.
- Insufficient or inconsistent tension from the weighted clip.

Solutions:

- Maintain a consistent, steady cranking pace.
- Ensure the weighted clip is properly attached and the cord is not snagged.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Model Number	20293
Product Dimensions	11.25 x 3.02 x 6.5 inches
Machine Dimensions	Approximately 5.5 x 4 inches
Item Weight	5.7 ounces
Manufacturer	Notions - In Network
Recommended Yarn Type	Lightweight (DK or thinner), smooth yarns

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Specific warranty information for the Caron 20293 Embellish-Knit! Machine Kit is not provided in this manual. For warranty details, product support, or to inquire about replacement parts, please contact the manufacturer directly:

Manufacturer: Notions - In Network

Please refer to the product packaging or the official Caron website for the most current contact information and support resources.

9. OFFICIAL PRODUCT VIDEOS

No official product videos from the seller are available in the provided product data to embed in this manual.

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