

TULIP AC-050E

Tulip i-Cord Knitter Machine User Manual

Model: AC-050E

Brand: TULIP

1. INTRODUCTION

The Tulip i-Cord Knitter Machine is a user-friendly and efficient tool designed for creating knitted i-cords. This manual provides detailed instructions to help you set up, operate, and maintain your i-cord knitter, enabling you to produce uniform cords for various craft projects such as wool letters, accessories, and decorative items.

2. PRODUCT COMPONENTS

Your Tulip i-Cord Knitter Machine package includes the following items:

- i-Cord Knitter Machine
- Weight
- Crochet Hook (2.20mm)



Image: The Tulip i-Cord Knitter Machine, a skein of blue yarn, and a finished blue i-cord, alongside a red, white, and blue knitted fabric.

3. SETUP

Follow these steps to prepare your i-Cord Knitter for use:

1. **Thread the Yarn:** Take the end of your yarn and thread it through the small loop on the side of the knitter machine.
2. **Insert into Center:** Guide the yarn down through the center hole of the machine until it emerges from the bottom opening.
3. **Attach the Weight:** Thread the end of the yarn that came out of the bottom through the hole in the provided weight. Ensure the weight hangs freely.
4. **Initial Looping:** Carefully loop the yarn around the hooks inside the machine. For the first round, wrap the yarn around every other hook. For example, wrap around hook 1, skip hook 2, wrap around hook 3, skip hook 4.
5. **Second Round:** For the second round, wrap the yarn around the hooks that were skipped in the first round. This ensures all hooks are engaged.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once set up, you can begin creating i-cords:

1. **Start Cranking:** Begin turning the handle slowly and steadily. The hooks will catch the yarn, forming stitches.
2. **Maintain Tension:** It is crucial to maintain consistent tension on the yarn feeding into the machine. This helps prevent dropped stitches and ensures a uniform i-cord.

3. **Adjust Weight:** As the i-cord grows, periodically slide the weight up closer to the machine. This keeps the cord taut and prevents it from tangling or touching the ground, which can disrupt the knitting process.
4. **Increase Speed:** After the initial few rounds and once the i-cord is consistently forming, you can increase the cranking speed as desired.
5. **Finishing the i-Cord:** When your i-cord reaches the desired length, cut the yarn, leaving a tail. Continue cranking until all loops are off the hooks. Use the crochet hook to secure the remaining loops and weave in the tail.

5. TIPS FOR BEST RESULTS

- **Yarn Weight:** This machine works best with lightweight yarns. Number 3 DK cotton, baby acrylic, or nylon yarns are recommended. Heavier yarns, such as worsted weight (size 4), may cause the machine to jam or produce inconsistent results.
- **Consistent Speed:** While you can increase speed after the initial setup, maintaining a consistent cranking speed throughout the process will yield the most even and beautiful i-cords.
- **Prevent Tangling:** Keep the finished i-cord bundled or elevated to prevent it from touching the ground and tangling as it spins out of the machine.
- **Batch Production:** For multiple short i-cords, create one long continuous i-cord and then cut it into the desired lengths. This saves time on repeated setup.

6. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Periodically clean the machine to remove any lint or yarn fibers that may accumulate. Use a soft, dry cloth.
- **Storage:** Store the i-Cord Knitter in a dry place away from direct sunlight to prolong its lifespan.
- **Washing Instructions:** N/A for the machine itself. Refer to your yarn's care instructions for finished i-cords.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **Yarn Slipping/Dropped Stitches:** Ensure consistent tension on the yarn and that the weight is properly positioned. Verify that the yarn is correctly looped around every other hook initially.
- **Machine Jams:** This often occurs with yarn that is too thick. Try using a lighter weight yarn (e.g., size 3 DK). Do not force the handle if it resists.
- **Learning Curve:** Some users report a slight learning curve. Watching online tutorials can be helpful for visual guidance on initial setup and tension management.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	TULIP
Model Number	AC-050E
Color	Multicolored
Material	Cotton, Wool (for yarn compatibility)

Item Weight	0.65 Pounds
Power Source	Manual
UPC	846550016180
Manufacturer	Tulip Needle Company

9. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, product support, or to inquire about replacement parts, please contact Tulip Needle Company directly through their official website or customer service channels. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase.