

# *Smoking Needles Machine Knitting*

## *Homemade Bulky Garter Bar*

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*Finding a Bulky Garter Bar is nearly impossible, finding one that is reasonably priced is impossible. You can make an inexpensive fully functional garter bar for less than \$10.*

### **Supplies:**

12" ruler for short bar - see photo C

Yard stick or trim molding for long bar - see photo D

Flexible hair combs available at K-Mart, three in a pack for \$2.49 or five in a pack for \$2.99 - see photo A

Hot glue gun and glue sticks

2-3 rolls duct tape (optional)

Wire cutters

First use the wire cutters to trim off ends of hair combs.

Count the number of loops on the hair combs.

Pull out to hold position a needle for every loop on the hair combs.

Stretch the loops of the comb over needles as needed hooking one loop of the hair comb onto each needle

Push the needles back to B position.

Place the ruler/yardstick under the needles and hold it there.

Place rolls of duct tape under ruler/yardstick in between the main bed and the ribber to hold in place, one on each end and one in center for full bar. If you don't have a ribber use books or whatever you can find that is thick enough to hold the comb in place while you glue it. See photo B.

Being careful not to get glue on needle bed or gate pegs, glue along the bottom of hair comb. Glue over the comb and fill in the spaces between the teeth of the comb. See photo C.

The glue dries quickly so be sure you are getting it where it should be!

Once the glue has cured, remove your new garter bar.



Two of the hair combs will make a 90 stitch garter bar. Use two different colors, one for each side of zero. It makes centering the garter bar a snap! See photo E.