



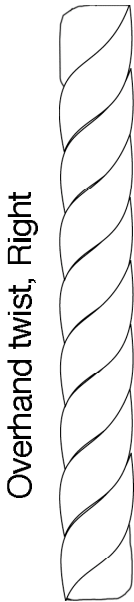
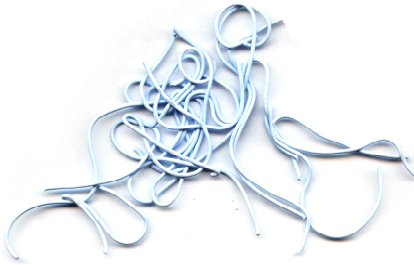
Penni Jo's Faux Knit Technique

To make darling scarves like the one on this snowman, or even 'thick sweaters' use this Faux Knit' technique.

Sample left shown using hand rolled threads of Kato clay.

Begin with thin strands of firm clay like premo, Fimo Classic or Kato clay. Condition well and either roll very thin snakes, or to make the project easier, use the new Makin's extruder.

Shown left: extruded threads using the tiniest opening disk of the Makin's Ultimate Extruder.



Overhand twist, Right

Steps:

1. Extrude or roll very thin ropes of clay.
2. Lay two pieces of clay side by side and twist the clay overhand. Twist first from the ends and then lightly hold the rope to twist any areas that are too loose. This should form a smooth twisted rope. See picture left. Set aside.



Backhand twist, Left

3. Lay two ropes of clay side by side and twist in the opposite direction, backhand. See picture right.
4. Lay the two twists side by side as shown left. The opposite twists come together to form a double twist. These double twists can then be laid side by side to create a sheet of 'knitted' clay. The sheets can be cut to any shape and used in a sculpture or for jewelry, etc.



Sample shown to the left was made from four ropes of hand rolled clay. Two ropes were twisted first one way, then the other two ropes were twisted the other way. The ropes were then laid side by side, creating a column of double twists of clay.



Sample shown to the right was made from two double twists. Two double twists were laid side by side, creating a sheet of "knitted" clay.

5. To make the snowman's scarf, put one double twist of knit around his throat and tuck in the ends.

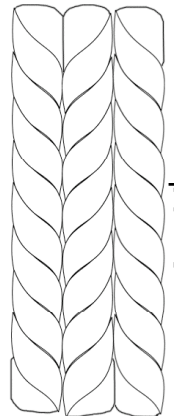
6. To make the 'flowing' scarf ends, lay TWO double twists side by side (see box above) about 1 1/2" long to make the scarf. Cut two scarves and pinch each of them a little bit on one end. Join the pinched ends to the double twist around his neck. Shape the flowing ends. Cut a very short piece of double twist to make the knot, covering the place where you attached the ends. Make tiny marks on the flowing ends of the scarf to attach it securely and make 'fringe'.



7. Since the puppy is so small, we will do something different to make it's scarf. Begin by making and putting the flowing part on first. Add one single twist to one

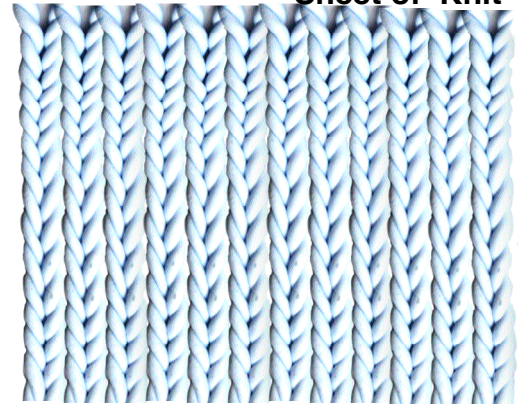
double twist of knit to make a triple twist.

8. Cut a short piece of triple twist as shown, pinch one end a bit and press it to the puppy's neck. Gently pat it in place. Make the 'fringe' in the same manner as the snowman's scarf, securing the end to the background. Finish by adding a double twist around his throat, covering the other end of the scarf.



Triple twist

Sheet of 'Knit'



Can you think of ways to use this 'faux knit'? It can be cut and shaped in many ways. The thinner the thread, the finer the knit.

How about some mitten earrings, stocking hats for snowman ornament, knitted pins, clothing for a miniature doll, etc.