

Color Pooling or Planned Pooling for Machine Knitters

Planned pooling is a technique where you intentionally work the colors of a multi-colored skein of yarn to make a specific design or color effect when you knit.

First of all, you will need to find an appropriate yarn that works for color pooling. The yarn you use should change color after several inches, have consistent lengths of colors, and have a consistent color repeat. When it changes color too quickly, if the colors are very different lengths, or the colors repeat in a random order, the pooling doesn't happen. When you use Super Saver, choose a multicolor that doesn't have "print" in its name, as those yarns change color very quickly. Look on the outside of the skein to see if each individual color is about the same length as the other colors; it doesn't need to be identical, but close to the same length.

Attached is a list of yarns known to work with planned pooling.

You will need to knit a swatch on the machine of your choice, to count how many the stitches of each color your yarn makes in a repeating pattern.

I usually knit a 30-40 stitch swatch with about 40 rows, then count several stitch rows of each color to check that the yarn has a consistent repeat.

Write the number of stitches and the corresponding color of the yarn.

You will then go to the website

plannedpooling.com and use the calculator to determine what stitch width

will make an interesting design for your yarn.

You may have to play around a few times if your first attempt does not match the calculator's projected outcome. I've found that there is a sweet spot for the yarn and one stitch more or less than the sweet spot makes the pattern murky.

Red Heart Yarns

E300 Super Saver

- 301 Mirage
- 392 Wedgewood
- 3934 Day Glow
- 3943 Americana
- 3947 Bright Mix
- 3949 Reef
- 3952 Icelandic
- 3955 Wildflower
- 3957 Neon Stripes
- 3958 Antique
- 3985 Sunrise
- 906 Heartfelt
- 928 Earth & Sky
- 932 Zebra
- 938 Stars & Stripes
- 940 Plum Pudding
- 950 Mexicana
- 961 Woodsy
- 972 Pink Camo
- 979 Mistletoe
- 981 Fall
- 984 Shaded Dusk
- 988 Platoon
- 995 Ocean
- 996 French Country
 - Pastels
 - Starbright
 - Lotus
 - Shaded Dusk
 - Sedona
 - Marrakesh
 - Gemstone
 - Cherry Chip
 - French Country
 - Sunset

E400 With Love

- 1816 Waterlily
- 1933 Echo
- 1934 Autumn
- 1937 Deep Blues
- 1938 Beachy
- 1942 Plum Jam
- 1944 Fruit Punch
- 1948 Lavender Ivy
- 1957 Lemon Drop
- 1968 Delightful

Lion Brand Color waves

- playground
- Rainbow

Caron Simply Soft (CSS)

Red Camo
Woodland Camo
Country Blue Ombre
Winter Camo
Blue Camo
Snow Camo

Caron Simply Soft Paints (CSSP)

Sunset
Night Camo

Loops & Threads Impeccable (LTI)

Tropical Storm
Luxury
Rainbow Bright
Stillness
Folklore
Neapolitan
Fresh Lilac
Sage Butter
Summerset

Sugar & Cream (S&C)

Pink camo
Christmas
Moondance
Fruit Punch

Vanna's Choice (VC)

Charcoal Print

Autumn Print

Crafters Secret (CS)

Road House Blues

I Love Camo

Hobby Lobby I Love This Yarn (ILTY)

Night-watch

Pink Camo



