**Knitting Paragraphs**

1. While knitting has gone in and out of fashion for the last 200 years, the early 21st century has seen new interest in knitting with an influx of new fibers, with yarns made from bamboo, soy, hemp, alpaca, camel, microfiber, and more. Additionally, there are hand-painted and hand-dyed yarns, pure cashmere, and other exotic blends. There are also beautiful needles made from bamboo, rosewood, and ebony.
2. While both continental and English knitting (knitting with the yarn in the left hand vs. knitting with it in the right) are used in the U.S. and England, Japanese knitters usually prefer the continental style and Chinese knitters prefer the English style. Many other countries typically use the continental style, such as Peru, Turkey, Bolivia, Greece, and Portugal.
3. There were shepherds in the Landes swamps in France known as *tchangues* (“big legs”) who would knit on stilts while they watched their flocks. The need for stilt walking and shepherds were obliterated by the early 20th century when the government planted a forest of maritime pines over the swamps.

Source: <https://www.factretriever.com/knitting-facts>

**Funny Stories About Knitting**

1. On Monday morning, I was getting ready to fly home and sitting in the airport terminal, waiting to board. I had my knitting project out, working on it in my lap, when a woman in her 70s sat down next to me. She took a look at me, then pulled out her tablet and started playing candy crush. I then stopped for a minute and did a double take, noticing that a couple of people were looking. I realized...I'm 21, knitting a mitten, and the woman next to me is old enough to be my grandmother...and is on the internet!
2. I was at the airport sitting next to an older couple. When I took out my sock project the woman leaned over and asked if I was knitting. She told me that she is a crocheter and she has tried to get all of her daughters and granddaughters into the hobby, but no one is interested. She kept raving about how wonderful it was to see a younger person knitting. When they got up to board the plane, she told me, "Just know that there's a grandmother out there who's proud of you!" My husband kept repeating that phrase throughout our whole trip and it's become an inside joke for us.
3. In church the other Sunday I dropped my ball of yarn and it rolled under the pews towards the front. I had to tap the woman in front of me, and she had to tap the woman in front of her and so on. And then they had to hand it back under each pew to me. I should really have my yarn better contained.
4. I was sitting in the airport once, I was on my way home from a Stitches event (big knitting convention for those of you who don't know) and I had just taken a class on making argyle socks. I had gotten some yarn and was halfway through the first one. An older woman came and sat a few seats over and pulled out her knitting and was super nice, so we got to chatting. A few minutes later, two other women who had also been at Stitches came over to the gate and whipped out their knitting. We were all having a lovely time chatting and talking about what yarn we had bought. Then a man who was on the same flight walked over and said, "Is there a knitting convention?" We politely told him, "No it ended yesterday."
5. I organized a monthly knitting night at our local pub, and it was mostly people from my work (I was a climbing instructor). We had people from all walks of crafting join in though, from a sailor who sewed his own ditty bags to an expert whittler. We got a lot of strange looks being a (small) group of muscled, rough-handed knitters and crocheters in their early 20s, usually lamenting about how our calluses snagged the yarn. And a good half of us were men some nights. My favorite nights were the ones where somebody from across the pub would have a pint or two, and then stroll over to see what we were doing, and inevitably ask for a lesson. I always brought spares and cheap acrylic for people to learn on. We have had punk rockers bartenders, posh uni students, engineers, athletes, and at one point the bouncer, come and cast on for a spell. It was great fun.

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