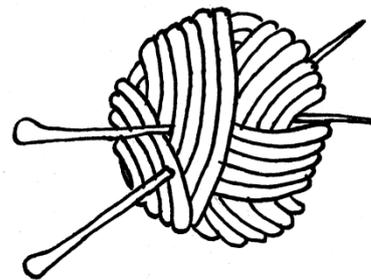


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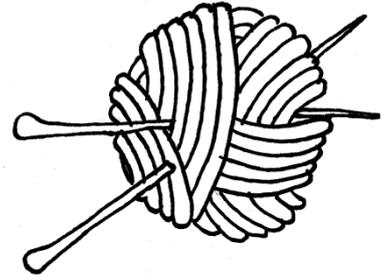
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At school or in Miss Baxter's class.

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He didn't think it looked like a mouse, there were no pink and square animals.

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Open. It was a new kind of animal that Shahnaz invented.

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The author got the idea for the story while waiting in a supermarket queue. A little girl was playing with a knitted creature and the author couldn't work out what the creature was.