

Knitting While Watching Movies Gains Popularity

今回は、オーストリアで話題の新しい映画鑑賞スタイルをご紹介します。ウィーンの映画館では、映画を観ながら編み物をするイベントが開催され、多くの人々が参加しているそうです。ここでは「remain」という動詞にも注目してみましょう。この単語は「～の状態を保つ」「とどまる」という意味で、「remain seated（座ったままにいる）」や「remain calm（冷静でいる）」のように使われます。編み物をしながら映画を観ると、長時間リラックスした状態を保てるかもしれませんね。あなたは映画を観るとき、何かしながら観ることはありますか？記事を読んで、講師と話してみましょう。



1. Article

Read the following article aloud.

Nearly 200 people in Vienna, Austria, gathered recently to enjoy two fun activities at the same time.

They worked with needles and yarn. And they watched a movie together called *The Devil Wears Prada*.

"It sounds a bit like a grandmother, but it's relaxing. And...what's wrong with letting the grandmother in us express herself," joked Austrian Alexander Koch. He is a 28-year-old who crochets.

Knitting or crocheting while watching movies has gained popularity in Europe.

Luisa Palmer was one of the organizers of the event. Palmer said that, during the COVID-19 pandemic, "A lot of people started knitting during the lockdown alone at home." Palmer launched the knitting evenings once a month at Votiv Kino, a place to watch movies in the center of the Austrian capital.

"Now we need to find ourselves..." in real life, the 30-year-old told the French News Agency (AFP) before the event.

People are knitting, eating, or even breastfeeding babies while watching a movie. This movement is the latest [attempt](#) to add different things to the movie-watching experience, said Lisa Stolze. She is a spokesperson for Votiv Kino, the movie house.

To avoid knitting mistakes, a soft light [remains](#) on during the movie. This also helps to increase [exchanges](#) between the attendees.

Organizers based their event on similar ones in the United States, Northern Europe, Germany and France. Since launching in December of 2024, the movie events in Vienna are usually full.

"I usually knit while watching movies or listening to podcasts at home, so movie theaters are the perfect place for this activity," said Kaja Vospernik. She is a 23-year-old fashion student.

As the movie plays, the colorful projects [take shape](#). The film takes a back seat, meaning it is less important than the work of knitting or crocheting. Everyone shows off their work. Experienced knitters and crocheters help beginners learn new skills.

"You can come alone and knit in silence to relax. But if you are looking for company, this kind of event seems to me to be the right choice," said Judith Haslöwer.

She is another organizer of the event.

People attend the events for several reasons. Some say the events let them reconnect with something real that is not on a computer. Others say they can "slow down a little."

Palmer said, "Doing something with your ten fingers is still more [rewarding](#)..." than working at a computer all day.

She added that picking the right movie is also important. Palmer likes to watch a good "cozy comedy" that she has already seen. She joked that it is best to avoid scary movies. They can make you jump causing you to lose your place in your knitting.

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Kiyoko Metzler reported this story for AFP from Vienna, Austria. Anna Matteo adapted it for VOA Learning English.

2. Key phrases and vocabulary

First repeat after your tutor and then read aloud by yourself.

1. attempt (to) (n.) a try

I am going to make another attempt to climb to the top of Kilimanjaro this summer.

2. remain (v.) to continue; to keep doing

You should remain indoors until the smoke from the forest fires clears up.

3. exchange (n.) a conversation

The manager and I had a brief exchange over the phone yesterday.

4. take shape (v.) to develop; to become clearer

After two months of planning and discussion, the science research project began to take shape.

5. rewarding (adj.) satisfying; enjoyable; beneficial

For me, painting and doing calligraphy are very rewarding activities.

3. Questions

Read the questions aloud and answer them.

1. How did the knitting and movies event get started?
2. Why do people go to the event, and what do they enjoy about it?
3. What things do people do at the event?
4. Are you interested in doing crafts, such as knitting, woodworking, or making pottery?
5. What interesting social events have you been to?