

LEINIKKI MACRAME CUSHION

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Finished size 43 x 43cm + fringes

Yarn 1.6kg of Paulina Chunky Twine in Yellow (57)
(80% recycled cotton, 20% polyester, 1kg = 180-190m)

Other supplies 2 pieces of 60cm long dowels, inner cushion

Lark's head knot (pic 1): Fold a length in half. Take the fold around the dowel from front to back, take the open ends through the loop, tighten the knot around the dowel.

Square knot = SK: Use 4 cords to make the knot in 2 stages. **Stage 1 (pic 2):** Take the right edge cord over the 2 middle cords and under the left edge cord, then take the left edge cord under the middle cords and over the right edge cord, through the loop. Tighten by pulling the cords in the opposite directions.

Stage 2 (pic 3): Take the left edge cord over the middle cords and under the right edge cord, then take the right edge cord under the middle cords and over the left edge cord. Tighten. = 1 SK.

Instructions Cut 64 lengths of 4.8m. Using lark's head knots, mount 32 lengths on each dowel and space them evenly over 45cm working space. Knot the dowels tightly together at both ends and use some extra cord to hang them to a good working height. Note: The cushion is worked in a spiral, this way there are no seams at the sides. The round changes at the left edge, between the dowels. Begin working each round from the left. Measure 25cm below the dowel and begin the 1st rnd there.

Rnd 1: *Make 16 SKs*, rotate work and repeat *-* with the cords of the second dowel = 32 SKs. Rotate work back to the original position (beginning of the rnd is at left). Continue to work in alternating SKs and rotate the work similarly to work both dowels on each rnd.

Rnd 2: Skip the first 2 cords, *take 4 cords and make 3 SKs, skip 4 cords*, repeat *-* till the end rnd, except skip the last 2 cords. Make 1 SK with each group of skipped cords between the previous knots.

Rnd 3: Work as rnd 1.

Rnd 4: Take the last and first 2 cords of this rnd and make 3 SKs, *skip 4 cords, take the next 4 cords and make 3 SKs*, repeat *-* till the end of rnd. Make 1 SK with each group of skipped cords between the previous knots. Repeat rnds 1-4 in total 5 times. End by making rnds 1-3.

Finishing Remove the dowels. Place the inner cushion inside the work. Use the fringes to knot the ends together. Begin from one corner, as follows: *Take 2 cords from each side and knot them together using reef knots*, repeat *-* till you reach the other corner. Trim fringes to even length.



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Pic 1: lark's head knot



Pic 2: SK = square knot, stage 1



Pic 3: SK = square knot, stage 2



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