

DAWN MACRAME CUSHION

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Finished size: approx. 45x45cm

Yarn: 0.8kg of Chunkymop in Natural white (52) (80% recycled cotton, 20% polyester, 700g = approx. 235m)

Other supplies: A hollow curtain rod (aluminium), a needle, and sewing thread.

Lark's Head Knot = LHK (pic 1): Fold a length in half. Take the fold around the rod from front to back, take the open ends through the loop, tighten the knot around the rod (= 2 working cords).

Square Knot = SK (pics 2): Use 4 cords to make the knot in 2 stages.

Stage 1: Take the left edge cord over the 2 middle cords and under the right edge cord, then take the right edge cord under the middle cords and over the left edge cord, through the loop. Tighten by pulling the cords in the opposite directions.

Stage 2: Take the right edge cord over the 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. = 1 SK.

Alternating Half Hitch Knot = AHHK (pic 3): Use 2 cords to make the knot in 2 stages:

Stage 1: Take the left cord around the right cord from front to back, then back to front, over itself. Tighten.

Stage 2: Take the right cord around the left cord from front to back, then back to front, over itself. Tighten.

Double Half Hitch Knot = DHHK (pics 4-5): Work 2 half hitch knots around a horizontal filler cord.

DHHK from left to right (pic 4): Keep the filler cord horizontally in front of the working cords with your right hand, *take a working cord from the left in your left hand, take it up and around the filler cord, then take it back down to the left of itself. Tighten the knot around the filler cord by pulling the working cord towards left*, repeat *-* once more with the same working cord. Tighten the knots next to each other.

DHHK from right to left (pic 5): Keep the filler cord horizontally in front of the working cords with your left hand, *take a working cord from the right in your right hand, take it up and around the filler cord, then take it back down to the right of itself. Tighten the knot around the filler cord by pulling the working cord towards right*, repeat *-* once more with the same working cord. Tighten the knots next to each other.

Instructions: Cut 80 lengths of 3.4 m of Chunkymop. Using LHKs, attach the cords onto the rod. Space the cords evenly over an 82cm working space. Begin the first row approx. 10 cm away from the rod.

Row 1: Make 1 AHHK with the first 2 cords, *make 1 SK with the next 4 cords*, repeat *-* until 2 cords remaining, make 1 AHHK.

Row 2: *Make 3 SKs (= repeat stages 1 and 2 of the knot 3 times) with the next 4 cords, skip 4 cords*, repeat *-* till the end of row.

Row 3: Work as row 1.

Row 4: *Skip 4 cords, make 3 SKs with the next 4 cords*, repeat *-* till the end of row.

Repeat rows 1-4 in total 6 times (= approx. 45cm).

Finishing: Remove the rod and cut open the folds to make fringes. Cut two 1m filler cords. Fold the piece in half over an inner cushion. Take one filler cord and knot opposite fringes (= 80+80 working cords) together using DHHKs. Begin from the end of an opening and work DHHKs from right to left, as follows: *take 1 working cord from the upper piece and make 1 DHHK with it around the filler cord, take 1 working cord from the piece lying below and make 1 DHHK with it around the filler cord*, repeat *-* till the end of row. Knot the other end similarly from left to right. Push the knots together to keep the rows of DHHKs at the same width as the inner cushion. Weave the ends of the filler cords on the wrong side. Sew closed the remaining opening. Cut the fringes to even length.

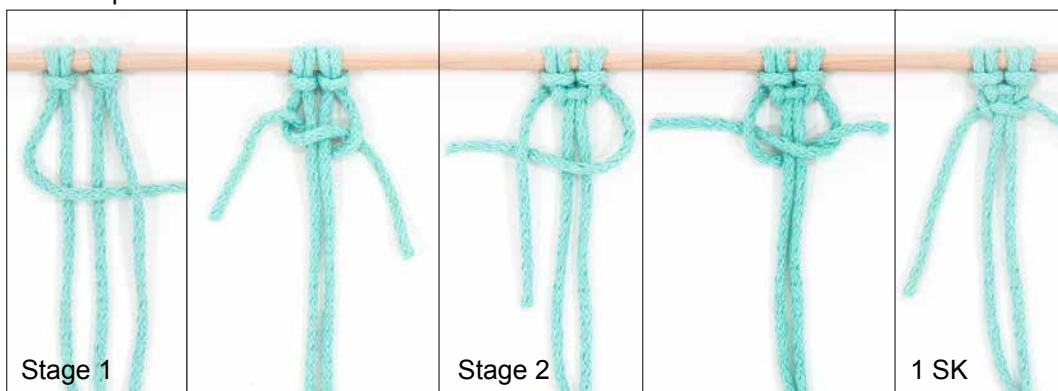
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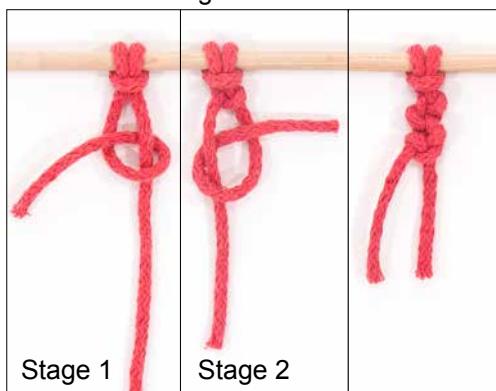
Pic 1: Lark's Head Knot = LHK



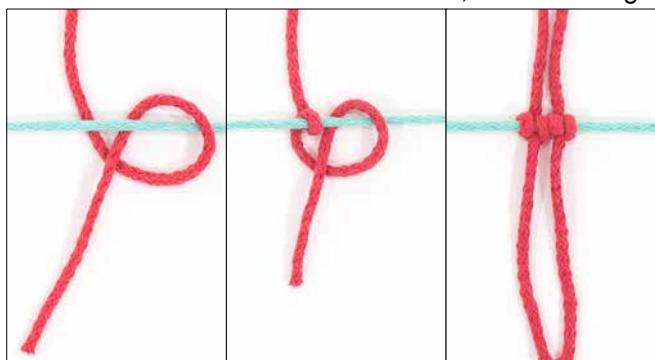
Pic 2: Square Knot = SK



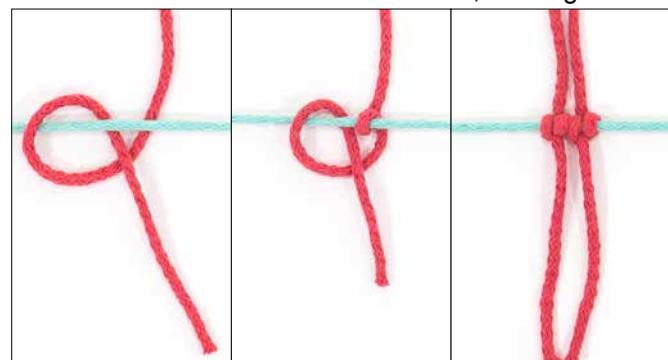
Pic 3: Alternating Half Hitch Knot = AHHK



Pic 4: Double Half Hitch Knot = DHHK, from left to right



Pic 5: Double Half Hitch Knott = DHHK, from right to left



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