

FEATHER DREAM CATCHER

Design: Lankava

Finished size: 26x50 cm

Yarn: Approx. 50g of Minimop Yarn in Lion Yellow (71) (80% recycled cotton, 20% polyester, 1kg = approx. 700m)

Other supplies: 25cm metal ring, scissors, and a comb.

Instructions: First, wrap the Minimop yarn around the ring, as follows: Cut a 3.5m length of Minimop and wind it. Knot the end into the ring and wrap the yarn tightly around the ring. Cut yarn, open the knot made in the beginning and knot the ends together (= the spot the ring hangs from). Tape the ring onto a table and make the feathers next.

1. For the spines of the feathers, cut one 50cm length and two 30cm lengths.

2. For the fringes of the feathers, cut 15cm lengths. Begin by cutting 30 lengths and cut more as needed.

3. Use a lark's head knot to attach the 50cm spine on the opposite side of the ring from the spot the ring hangs from. Make the lark's head knot as follows: Fold the length in half, take the folded end under the ring, turn the fold downwards, take both ends through the loop made by the fold, pull to tighten the knot (pics 1-3).

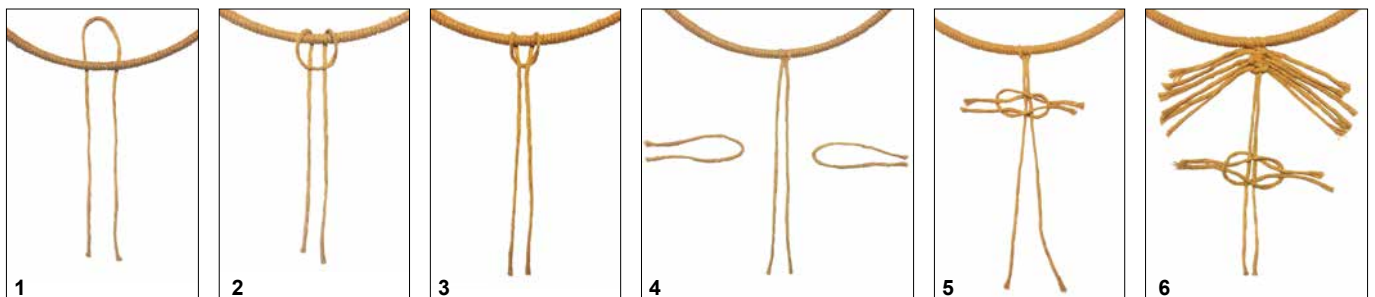
4. Knot the fringes around the spine as follows: Take two 15cm lengths and fold them in half. Place these fringe threads on both sides of the spine, the folded ends towards the spine (pic 4).

5. Knot the fringe threads together as follows: Take the left fringe thread towards right underneath the spine threads and take the right fringe thread towards left above the spine threads. Take the open ends of the fringe that lies on top through the loop underneath and take the open ends of the other fringe through the loop above (pic 5). Move the knot upwards until the ring and tighten.

6. Knot the next pair of fringes the opposite: take the right fringe thread towards left underneath the spine and take the left fringe thread towards right above the spine. Take the open ends through the loop made by the other fringe thread (pic 6).

Repeat steps 4-6 until there is approx. 7cm left of the spine. Remember to tighten each knot firmly. To make the edge feathers, attach the spines approx. 8cm away from the middle feather, and work them according to steps 4-6.

Finishing: Comb the fringe threads to open the twists of the threads. If necessary, straighten the curled fringes by pressing them with a damp sponge. Trim the fringe ends with sharp scissors. Take away the tape holding the ring in place. Use a lark's head knot to attach a length of yarn for hanging the piece.



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