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MAKING A TASSEL

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- ❖ Yarn to match (or co-ordinate with) your project
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ A yarn tapestry needle (basically a sewing needle, but big enough to thread your yarn)

STEP 1: Cut the tassel strands

- ❖ Decide how long and how "full" you want your tassel to be. Cut strands of yarn a little longer than twice the desired finished length of your tassel. Cut more strands for a fuller (fatter) tassel, less for a thinner, more delicate tassel.
- ❖ The example shown here is for a moderately full tassel, about 2 ¾" long. Therefore, about 15-20 strands of yarn are cut, each 6" long.

STEP 2: Cut one strand for the tie

- ❖ Cut one longer length of yarn approximately 10" long (or longer if your tassel is long).

STEP 3: Tie the top of the tassel

- ❖ Gather all of the strands together and lay them down on a table. Use the 10" long strand to tie the strands together tightly in the middle. Use a double knot (i.e. knot it twice) so the knot will not get loose:



STEP 4: Form and wrap the tassel

- ❖ Fold all of the strands in half (so the knot is at the top at the fold).
- ❖ Leaving one end of the 10" strand free (for attaching the tassel later), use the other end of the 10" strand to wrap around all of the ends (about ¾ - 1" down from the top of the tassel, or lower for a longer tassel) several times TIGHTLY.
- ❖ Thread that end into the yarn tapestry needle:



STEP 5: Secure the tassel wrap

- ❖ Insert the tapestry needle from the top down under the tight wraps as shown below:



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- ❖ Pull through and remove the tapestry needle.



STEP 6: Trim the tassel ends

- ❖ Use scissors to trim the tassel ends to make them even.

STEP 7: Attach the tassel

- ❖ Use the strand at the top of the tassel and the tapestry needle to sew the tassel securely to your project.

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