

MACRAMÉ MARKET BAG

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Size: 32 x 50 cm.

Yarn: Pamela Macramé Cord (80 % recycled cotton, 20 % polyester, 700 g = 180 m) 125 m lavender (85)

Other supplies: Macramé dowel, 5 mm crochet hook and scissors.

Lark's Head Knot (pic 1) Tie the knots in opposite directions: Fold the working cord in half. Pass the folded end from front to back over the bottom cord, thread and pull the loose ends through the loop and tighten the knot onto the cord. Tie the second knot in reverse by passing the folded end from back to front over the cord.

Square Knot = SK (pic 2): 3) Use 4 cords to make a knot in 2 stages. Take the left cord over the 2 center cords and below the right cord, then take the right cord below the center cords and through the loop to the front. Tighten the knot by pulling the cords in opposite directions. Take the right cord over the 2 center cords and below the left cord, then take the left cord below the center cords and through the loop to the front. Tighten the knot below the previous knot.

Twisted Square Knot= Twisted SK: Take 4 cords, bring the middle cords behind the outer cords to the sides, and then create KS according to the instructions.



Instructions: Cut 38 cords of 2.8 m and 6 cords of 3 m. Take 2 longer cords and place them side by side as the bottom cords of the bag. Fold the remaining shorter cords in half and tie them to each side of the midpoint of the bottom cords with lark's head knots, alternating directions (pic 1). Adjust the cords to a working width of 20 cm. Using filler cords, tie the bottom cords to the macramé dowel and hang the dowel at a suitable working height. Start knotting the bag from the left edge and make all square knots twisted.

Round 1: Begin by making 10 twisted SK, turn work and make 10 twisted SK with the back cords as well. Make the next round 1 cm apart from the first one.

Round 2: Take 2+2 cords from both sides of the beginning of the round and make 1 twisted SK with them, *take next 4 cords and make 1 twisted SK*, repeat *-* to end of round. = 20 twisted SK.

Repeat Rounds 1-2, 4 times more, and always make them 2 cm apart from the previous one.

Next, make a total of 4 triangular sections on each side of the bag for the handles. Start by marking the sides and midpoints of the bag = 4 x 20 cords. Continue knotting one quarter at a time.

Round 11: Start from the left edge of one quarter: *Take 4 cords and make 1 twisted SK with them*, repeat *-* 4 times more = 5 SK. Continue by making the outermost groups of cords narrower.

Round 12: Take 6 cords from the left, move the 2nd cord from the left and the 2nd cord from the right to the sides of the bundle and make 1 SK enclosing 4 cords inside the knot. *Take the next 4 cords and make 1 twisted SK with them*, repeat *-* once more. Take the remaining 6 cords and make 1 twisted SK with them the same as at the beginning = 4 twisted SK.

Round 13: Take 8 cords from the right, move the 2nd cord from the left and the 2nd cord from the right to the sides of the bundle and make 1 SK enclosing 6 cords inside the knot*, take the next 4 cords and make 1 SK with them. Take the remaining 8 cords and make 1 twisted SK with them the same as at the beginning. Knot the remaining quarters the same repeating Rnds 11-13.

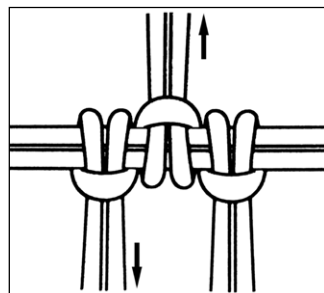
Handles: *Take 10 cords from the edge of a quarter, move the 2nd cord from the left and the right to the sides of the bundle and start by making 1 twisted SK with them and then 2 SK as normal enclosing 8 cords inside the knots*. Take the remaining 10 cords and repeat *-*. Then, cut 3 inner cords off from both sennits, just below the last knots = 7+7 cords. Make 1 SK to both sennits and again, cut 3 cords off = 4+4 cords. Again, make 1 SK to both sennits.

Join both sennits and work the beginning of the handle as follows: Take the longer working cord and add it to a bundle of 8 cords as follows: Take the midpoint of the cord under the left sennit and over the right one = 10 cords. Then, make 10 cm of square knots with the added cord, ensuring 8 cords will be enclosed inside the knot. Make the first knot 1 cm apart from the SK sennits (pic 3). Finally, cut 4 inner cords off = 6 cords. Knot the remaining 3 cords to this same stage. Then, join the opposite handles on the same side as follows: Remove the macramé dowel. Move the added cords to the side to rest.

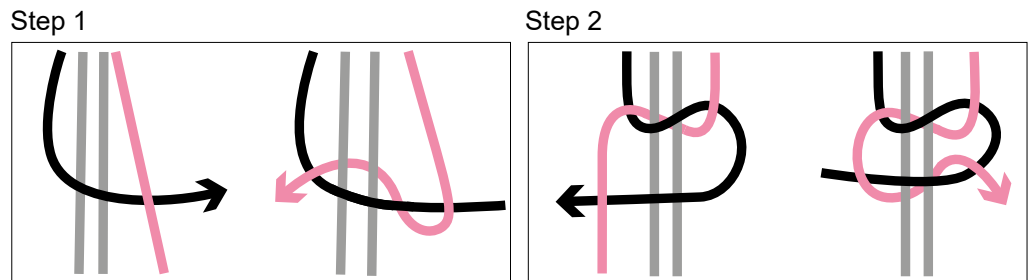
Place the 4 cords coming from opposite directions on top of each other for about 23 cm into one bundle (the cords of the left handle to the right and the cords of the right handle to the left). Temporarily tie this 8-cord bundle together in the middle with a piece of waste cord. Also, tie the loose cord ends to the beginning of the handles with pieces of waste cord (pic 4). Join the pair of handles on the other side in the same way and check that the handles are of the same length. Then, take the resting working cords and make SKs for about 11.5 cm, working from both directions towards the center. Once the knots meet, remove the waste cord, and weave in the working cords into the knots with a crochet hook. Join the handles on the other side in the same way.

Finishing: Remove the remaining waste cord pieces from the sides of the handles and trim the ends of the cords running inside the knots.

Picture 1:
Lark's Head Knot



Picture 2:
SK=Square Knot



Picture 3



Picture 4

