

DIAMOND MACRAME TABLECLOTH

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Finished size: approx. 28x40cm (+ 20cm fringes)

Yarn: 200g of Minimop in Coral red (62) (80% recycled cotton, 20% polyester, 0.7kg = approx. 490m)

Other supplies: A hollow curtain rod (aluminium)

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 (pic 2): Use 4 cords to make the knot in 2 stages.

Stage 1: 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, 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.

Diagonal Double Half Hitch = DDHH (pics 3-4): Work 2 half hitch knots around a diagonal filler cord.

DDHH going down towards left (pic 3): Keep the filler cord diagonally in front of the working cords with your left hand, *take a working cord up and around the filler cord, then take it back down. Tighten the knot around the filler cord*, repeat *-* once more with the same working cord. Tighten the knots next to each other. The working cord is left between the two knots.

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

Instructions: Cut 42 lengths of 340cm. Using LHKs, attach the lengths onto the rod. Space the cords evenly over a 28cm working space. Begin the 1st row from the left and 15 cm below the rod.

Row 1: Skip 5 cords, *Make 1 SK with the next 4 cords, skip 10 cords*, repeat *-* 4 more times, 1 SK, skip the last 5 cords.

Row 2: *Take the left middle cord of the SK as the filler cord, use the cords to its left to make 6 DDHHs going down towards left around the filler cord, then, take the right middle cord of the same SK as the filler cord, use the cords to its right to make 6 DDHHs going down towards right*, repeat *-* 5 more times. Now the work has a zigzag pattern made with DDHHs. The knots of the next row are made in two parts.

Row 3: Skip 2 cords at both edges. Take 4 cords from each lower tip of the DDHHs (= 2 filler cords and 2 working cords) and make 1 SK (= 5 SKs in total). Next, take the 10 cords between the DDHHs and make 1 SK with each group (= take the right edge cord over the 8 middle cords and under the left edge cord, then take the left edge cord under the 8 middle cords and over the right edge cord), tighten the knot (= 6 SKs in total). Next, make the bottom halves of the diamonds.

Row 4: Take the cord furthest to the left as a filler cord and work 6 DDHHs going down towards right around it, using the cords knotted together at the center of the diamond. *Take the 2nd cord from left of the next SK as a filler cord and make 6 DDHHs going down towards left around it, using the rest of the cords of the center of the diamond. Next, take the 2nd cord from right of the same SK as the filler cord and make 6 DDHHs going down towards right around it*, repeat *-* till the end of row. Now the work has 6 similar diamonds.



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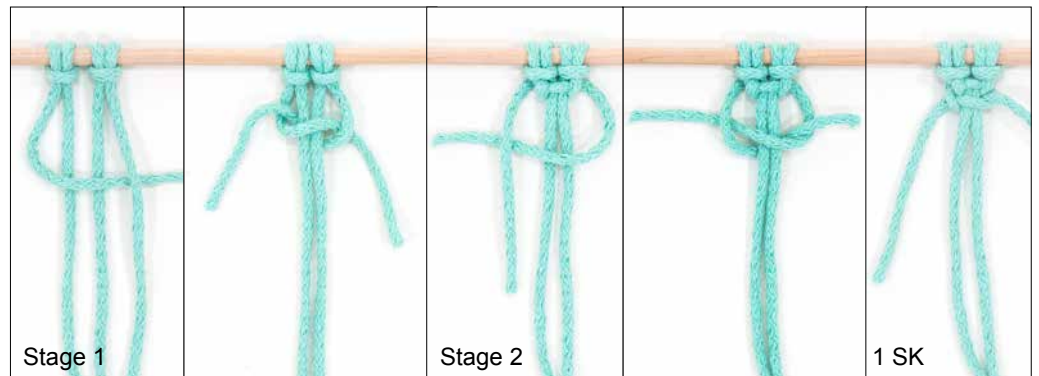
Row 5: Skip 5 cords, take 4 cords from each tip of the DDHHs and make 1 SK, then, take the 10 cords between the DDHHs and make a 10-cord SK with each group. Repeat rows 2-5 in total 6 times. At the last row, skip the 10 cords between the DDHHs.

Finishing: Remove the rod. Make 7-cord wrap knots at both ends (pic 5). Cut 24 working cords of 25cm. Take 7 fringe cords into a bundle and make a wrap knot around the bundle, as follows: Make an approx. 5cm high loop with the working cord and place it over the upper edge of the bundle. Take the longer end of the working cord and wrap it tightly around itself and the bundle 6 times, so that the end of the loop and the loose end of the beginning are still peeking. Take the working cord through the loop and pull from the loose end of the beginning until the loop slides underneath the wraps. Cut away the ends of the working cord. Cut the fringe ends to even length. Steam the table cloth on the wrong side and leave it flat to dry.

Pic 1: Lark's Head Knot = LHK



Pic 2: Square Knot = SK



Pic 3: Diagonal Double Half Hitch = DDHH going down towards left



Pic 4: Diagonal Double Half Hitch = DDHH going down towards right



Pic 5: Wrap knot



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