

# HOW TO MAKE A WALL HANGING

## YOU WILL NEED

- Yarn in different colours
- One wooden dowel (or a small straight stick)
- Scissors
- Painter's or washi tape

## STEP ONE: CUT YARN

Cut several pieces of yarn into shorter strips using scissors. The goal is to get the yarn lengths to roughly match, but they don't have to be exact (you'll trim them later). Whether or not you measure them is up to you.

In general, you want the length of the yarn to be twice the length of the finished wall hanging because each piece will be halved when attached to the dowel.

Cut several pieces from all three colours and set them aside. Keep the colour scheme in mind when cutting your yarn pieces.

## STEP TWO: HANG THE DOWEL

First things first—this soon-to-be wall hanging needs to be hung. With scissors, cut a piece of yarn a few centimetres longer than the dowel you use.

Tie the yarn in a tight knot on each end of your dowel. This will set the outer boundaries of your wall hanging. Then, hang this piece of yarn on a tack or nail on your wall.

Hanging the dowel before tying the hanging yarn onto your wall makes the process easy and straightforward.

## STEP THREE: TIE YARN

Fold a length of yarn in half. Loop the middle section around the dowel to create a circle and pull the ends of the yarn through it. This simple knot is called a lark knot.

The lark knot is strong and secure, so there's no need to pull it too tight. If you'd like to add even more yarn pieces to your wall hanging to make it dense, tying the knots tight will give you more room. If you're on the less-is-more side of decor, keep the knots loose to give it a full look.

Completing this step allows you to take a step back and get a good look at your hanging as you go. That means you can easily make changes and decide what colour yarn to tie next.

## STEP FOUR: TRIM YOUR YARN

Using tape on the wall or another guide to measure where you are going to cut, use your scissors to trim your hanging yarn. Being precise isn't necessary, but make sure to cut in a downward fashion to minimize excess fraying. The result will be a nice angled shape. If your yarn is a bit wrinkled from being wrapped in a ball, you can iron it to make sure its length matches the others.

