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## Dedication

For Martin, and for Siena  
and Mei for letting me be  
your creative, sometimes  
crazy, mamma.





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**10** Using string 12 as your guide, make diagonal double half hitch knots in the opposite direction using strings 11 to 7.

**11** Repeat step 10 two more times.

**12** Using string 12 as your guide, make diagonal double half hitch knots using strings 11 to 1.

**13** Using string 6 as your guide, make diagonal double half hitch knots using strings 5 to 1.

**14** Repeat step 13 **two** more times.

**15** Using string 7 as your guide, make diagonal double half hitch knots using strings 8 to 12.

**16** Repeat step 15 three more times.

**17** Working with sets of twelve strings, repeat steps 8 to 16 with all the other strings.

**18** From now on, you won't be using the first six strings (I usually bunch them together with an elastic band).

**19** Using string 13 as your guide, make diagonal double half hitch knots using strings 14 to 18.

**20** Repeat step 19 three more times.

**21** Using string 12 as your guide, make diagonal double half hitch knots using strings 11 to 7.

**22** Repeat step 21 three more times (see image, left).

**23** Repeat steps 19 to 22 with all the other strings, leaving the last six strings unused.

**24** From now on, you won't be using the twelve strings at the beginning and end.

**25** Using string 18 as your guide, make diagonal double half hitch knots using strings 17 to 13.

**26** Repeat step 25 three more times.

**27** Using string 19 as your guide, make diagonal double half hitch knots using strings 20 to 24.

**28** Repeat step 27 three more times.

**29** Repeat steps 25 to 28 with all the other strings.



- 6 Tie an alternating square knot below square knots 1 and 2 in your last row.
- 7 Tie two more alternating square knots to form a diagonal going from right to left.
- 8 Tie three more alternating square knots underneath to make a diagonal going from left to right.
- 9 Close the diamond of square knots by repeating steps 6–8 on the opposite side, in mirror image.
- 10 Make another square knot diamond using the sixteen strings in the centre of your macramé.
- 11 Make a third square knot diamond using the twelve strings in the centre of your macramé.
- 12 Make the last square knot diamond using the eight strings in the centre of your macramé.
- 13 Trim the strings to the desired length and add one or two barrel knots on each (see opposite).



- 5** Take the first bundle. Leaving a gap of 30cm (12in), tie a sinnet of three square knots.
- 6** Tie two picot knots.
- 7** Tie a sinnet of two more square knots underneath.
- 8** Repeat steps 6–7 four more times.
- 9** Repeat steps 5–8 for each remaining bundle (refer to the picture opposite).
- 10** Take the first bundle, leave a gap of 25cm (10in), then tie a sinnet of forty-five half square knots.
- 11** Repeat step 10 for each bundle.
- 12** Take one working and one filler string each from bundle one and bundle two and create a new section.
- 13** Leave a gap of 35cm (13¾in), then tie a sinnet of five square knots.
- 14** Repeat steps 12–13 with the remaining strings, working with four strings at a time (two strings each from bundle two and bundle three, then bundle three and bundle four, then finally bundle four and bundle one).
- 15** Bundle all the strings together, leave a gap of 20–25cm (8–10in), then make a gathering knot using the remaining 120cm (4ft) length of string.
- 16** Before you trim the excess string from the gathering knot, place your tray inside the macramé hanger and check that you are happy with the location of the knot. You can slide the gathering knot up or down slightly until you are happy with the position of the tray. Trim the excess string from the gathering knot.
- 17** Trim the strings to the desired length.
- 18** Thread on the beads and make an overhand knot underneath each one.



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- 6 Put aside the first four dyed strings, then work just with the sixteen natural strings.
- 7 Take string 8 (of the undyed strings) as your guide and make a diagonal line of double half hitch knots using strings 7 to 1 – this is the start of a double half hitch diamond.
- 8 Take string 9 as your guide and make a diagonal line of double half hitch knots using strings 10 to 16.
- 9 Take the eight strings in the middle. Using the first two and last two as working strings and the middle four as filler strings, tie a half square knot aligned below the last double half hitch knots.
- 10 To close the double half hitch diamond, take string 1 as your guide and tie a diagonal line of double half hitch knots using strings 2–8.

- 11 Take string 16 as your guide and tie a diagonal line of double half hitch knots using strings 15–9.
- 12 Close the double half hitch diamond with a double half hitch knot.
- 13 Repeat steps 7–10 over the next forty-eight strings, working a diamond in each of three sets of sixteen strings.
- 14 Tie a square knot with multiple filler strings in between the double half hitch diamonds, using four strings as fillers and two strings each side as working strings. Make sure it's aligned with the bottom of the double half hitch diamonds.
- 15 Close the double half hitch diamond with a double half hitch knot, using the first string guide from the diamond on the left and the second string guide from the diamond on the right.



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**16** Repeat steps 12–13 two more times.

**17** Putting aside the first four dyed strings and working just with the sixteen undyed strings, repeat steps 7, 9 and 10. However, when completing the double half hitch diamond, don't 'close' the diamond, instead leave the guides untied.

**18** Repeat step 17 with the remaining string to tie four double half hitch diamonds.

**19** Using the first four dyed strings on the left, make a sinnet of sixteen square knots. Note that the last square knot needs to sit below the bottom of the double half hitch diamond, so adjust the quantities of the square knots if you need to. Repeat on the other side.

**20** In line with the last square knot on the sinnet, make a row of square knots.

**21** Make two rows of alternating square knots.

**22** Take the second 120cm (47¼in) long string and use it as your guide to make a row of horizontal double half hitch knots just below the last row of square knots – leave a tail of about 25cm (10in) before starting your knots.

**23** Remove your pillow cover from the wooden dowel by cutting the lark's head knots. Fold your pillow cover in half and trim the fringe at the bottom to match the one at the top. Use the guides from the horizontal double half hitch rows to tie the macramé cover at the back of your pillow. Alternatively, sew the cover onto the pillow.