

Rya Knots

1. First, decide how long you would like your rya knots to be. To do this, simply measure (or approximate) the length by holding the yarn up to a nail and finding a length that works best for your project. Remember, you can always cut the knots shorter, but you cannot add length back on. So it is best to over estimate rather than under estimate.



2. Once you have found the desired length, double it up and make a cut. Use this piece to measure all of the other strands of yarn you will use to create the rya knots. Decide how many strands of yarn you would like for each knot and cut those pieces.

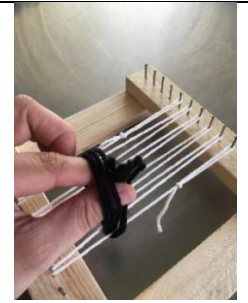
Note: The number of strands used per knot will depend on the thickness of yarn and how bulky you would like the knots to be. With regular yarn, I typically use three strands per knot.



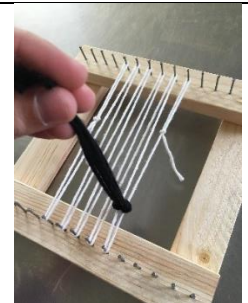
3. To start a rya knot, begin by placing the strands of yarn (in this case, three strands) underneath two warp strands. Bring the ends up together so that they are all even and pinch tightly with your right hand.



4. Reach between the warp strands and grab the bottom of black yarn pulling down towards you to create a loop. With your thumb and pointer finger of your left hand, reach in between the loop you just created from the bottom to grab the pinched ends from your right hand.



5. Start to pull the ends tight by pulling up with your left hand and using your right hand to push the knot down towards the warp strands. Once you have tightened the knot, lower it down the warp strands to sit nicely on top of a nail.



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6. Tie as many rya knots as there are nails with warping around them. In this case, we would tie five rya knots. This will create a look of tassels or fringe along the bottom of your weaving.

