



*Free Crochet Pattern*

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# MACRAME SKULL WALL HANGING

Pattern Number: M21194 WETQ



## SKILL LEVEL – ADVANCED

## APPROXIMATE CRAFTING TIME: VARIES

## SIZES

About 19 x 45 in. (48.5 x 114 cm)

## SUPPLIES & TOOLS

- LION BRAND® WOOL-EASE® THICK & QUICK® (Art.#640)  
#301 Celebration 2 balls
- Fallen tree branch or wood dowel about 25 in.  
(63.5 cm) long
- Hot glue and glue gun



## GAUGE

N/A

## DIRECTIONS

1. You should have experience in working the following knots - Lark's Head Knot, Square Knot and Horizontal Double Half Hitch Knot – and a good deal of experience making macrame projects to make this Hanging.
2. When working, be careful not to over tighten the knots.

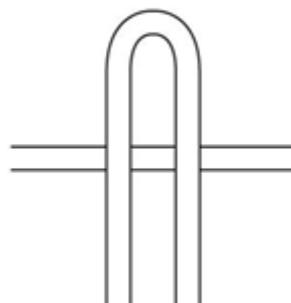
## HANGING

Cut a 40 in. (101.5 cm) strand of yarn for hanging stand and 36 strands each 150 in. (381 cm) long.

### *Lark's Head Knots:*

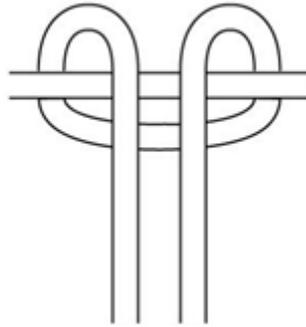
**Step 1.** First, attach the 36 strands across the branch. Fold one length in half. Hold the folded end in front of the branch, about 3 in. (7.5 cm) from left hand end of the branch.

Step 1



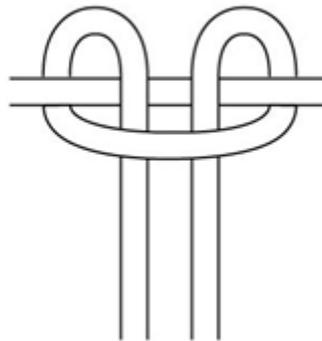
**Step 2.** Wrap folded end over the branch, from front to back to make a loop

Step 2



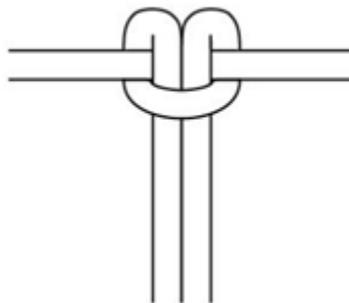
**Step 3.** Pull yarn ends through loop.

Step 3



**Step 4.** Tighten loop around branch to complete the first Lark's Head Knot (LHK).

Step 4



In same way, attach remaining 35 strands of yarn across the branch, ending about 3 in. (7.5 cm) from right hand end of branch.

You'll have 72 strands of yarn across the branch.

From this point, you'll need to work with the Hanging in a vertical position.

Tie ends of the 40 in. (101.5 cm) strand of the hanging yarn to ends of the branch using an 'upside down' LHK, followed by a Half Hitch Knot (HHK).

Hang the Hanging from a hook or knob.

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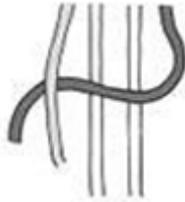
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## ***Right Facing Square Knots***

Begin with the 4 strands of yarn at the center of the 72 strands across the branch.

Measure about 6 in. (15 cm) from branch on these strands for the first knot.

**Step 1:** Working on the 4 strands of yarn, bring the right yarn to the left as shown and under the last strand.



**Step 2:** Bring the left yarn under the 2 center strands and through the loop as shown.



**Step 3:** Bring the left yarn over and to the right of the 2 center strands as shown. Bring the right yarn under the 2 center strands and through the loop formed as shown. Pull the yarn to tighten gently and finish the first Right Facing Square Knot (RFSK).



**ROW 1:** Make the next RFSK with the next 4 strands to the right of the center. Repeat to make 2 RFSKs on each side of center RFSK for a total of 5 RFSKs.

**ROW 2:** With 2 left hand strands of the center RFSK of Row 1 and 2 strands from the RFSK to the left, make an RFSK.

In same way, make a total of 6 RFSKs for Row 2.

**ROW 3:** With 2 left hand strands of the center RFSK of previous row and 2 strands from the RFSK to the left, make an RFSK.

In same way, make a total of 7 RFSKs for Row 3.

**ROW 4:** With 2 left hand strands of the center RFSK of previous row and 2 strands from the RFSK to the left, make an RFSK.

In same way, make a total of 8 RFSKs for Row 4.

**ROW 5:** With 2 left hand strands of the center RFSK of previous row and 2 strands from the RFSK to the left, make an RFSK.

In same way, make a total of 9 RFSKs for Row 5.

**ROW 6:** With 2 left hand strands of the center RFSK of previous row and 2 strands from the RFSK to the left, make a RFSK.

In same way, make a total of 10 RFSKs for Row 6.

**ROW 7:** With 2 left hand strands of the center RFSK of previous row and 2 strands from the RFSK to the left, make a RFSK.

In same way, make a total of 9 RFSKs for Row 7.

**ROW 8:** In same way, make a total of 10 RFSKs for Row 8.

**ROW 9:** In same way, make a total of 9 RFSKs for Row 9.

**ROW 10:** In same way, make a total of 10 RFSKs for Row 10.

**ROW 11:** To make 2 spaces for the eyes and to build the space between the eyes first find the 2 center RFSK of Row 10. Take 2 strands from each RFSK above in Row 10 and make a RFSK. Move to the left most edge of the skull to make the outer edge of the left eye. With 4 strands in the windows of Row 10 make a RFSK. Move to the right most edge of the skull to make the outer edge of the right eye. With 4 strands in the windows of Row 10 make a RFSK. You'll have a total of 3 RFSKs on Row 11.

**ROW 12:** Continue building the shape of the space between the eyes. Begin at the center again, this time take 2 strands from the RFSK in Row 11 and 2 strands to the right from Row 10 to make a RFSK.

Make another RFSK to the left using 2 strands from RFSK in Row 11 and 2 strands to the left from Row 10 to make a RFSK.

Move to the left most edge of the skull to make the outer edge of the left eye. Using 4 strands in the windows of Row 11 to make a RFSK, using 2 strands from Row 11 and 2 strands from Row 10 make a RFSK. To the right, make another RFSK using 2 strands from Row 11 and 2 strands from Row 10.

Move to the right most edge of the skull to make the outer edge of the right eye. Make a RFSK with 2 strands from Row 11 and 2 strands from Row 10.

To the left make another RFSK with 2 strands from Row 11 and 2 strands from Row 10.

ROW 12 will have a total of 6 RFSKs.

**ROW 13:** Begin at the center of the skull design and with 2 strands from the RFSK above to the right in Row 12 and 2 strands from the RFSK above to the left in Row 12, make a RFSK in the window. Move to the left most edge of the skull to continue building the outer edge of the left eye. With 4 strands from Row 12 from the RFSK above in the window below make a RFSK. Move to the right most edge of the skull to continue building the outer edge of the right eye. With 4 strands from Row 12 from the RFSK above in the window below make a RFSK.

ROW 13 will have a total of 3 RFSKs.

**ROW 14:** Begin at the center of the skull. This is where the nose will be made.

With 2 strands from the RFSK above in Row 13 and 2 strands from the left in Row 12 make a RFSK.

Repeat to make a second RFSK in Row 14 just to the right. With 2 strands from the RFSK above in Row 13 and 2 strands to the right in Row 12 make a RFSK. Move to the right most edge of the skull to continue creating the outer edge of the right eye.

With 2 strands from Row 12 and 2 strands from Row 13 make a RFSK.

Just to the left make another RFSK with 2 strands from Row 12 and 2 strands from Row 13.

Repeat this process, moving to the left most edge of skull to continue building the outer edge of the left eye. With 2 strands from Row 12 and 2 strands from Row 13 to make a RFSK. Just to the right, make another RFSK with 2 strands from Row 12 and 2 strands from Row 13 to make a RFSK.

ROW 14 will have a total of 6 RFSKs.

**ROW 15:** Begin at the center of the skull to continue shaping the nose. With 2 strands from the RFSK above in Row 14 and 2 strands from the left from Row 10 make a RFSK.

Repeat to the right to make a second RFSK in Row 15.

With 2 strands from the RFSK above in Row 14 and 2 strands from the right in Row 10 make a RFSK.

Move to the right most edge of the skull to make the outer edge of the right eye.

Use 4 strands from Row 14 in the window to make a RFSK.

Move to the left most edge of the skull to continue making the outer edge of the left eye. Use 4 strands from Row 14 in the window to make a RFSK.

ROW 15 will have a total of 4 RFSKs.

**ROW 16:** Begin at the center of the skull to continue shaping the nose. With 2 strands from the RFSK above in Row 15 and 2 strands from the left from Row 10 make a RFSK.

Repeat to the right to create a second RFSK in Row 16.

With 2 strands from the RFSK above in Row 15 and 2 strands from the right in ROW 10 make a RFSK. Move to the right most edge of skull to continue shaping the outer edge of the right eye.

Make a RFSK to the left of the RFSK above in Row 15, leaving space on the right to define the shape of the skull face. To make a RFSK, use 2 strands to the left from Row 15 and 2 strands from the left of Row 14.

Move to the left most edge of the skull to continue shaping the outer edge of the left eye.

Make a RFSK to the right of the RFSK above in Row 15 and leave space on the left to define the shape of the skull face.

To make a RFSK, use 2 strands from Row 15 and 2 strands from the right of Row 14 .

ROW 16 will have a total of 4 RFSKs.

**ROW 17:** To continue shaping the nose and right eye, use 2 strands from the RFSK above in Row 16 and 2 strands to the right from Row 10 make a RFSK.

Directly to the right make another RSFK using 2 strands yarn from above in Row 10 and to the right 2 strands from Row 16.

Repeat this process on left side.

Working off. of last RFSK in Row 16 use 2 strands arn from the RFSK above in Row 16 and 2 strands to the right from Row 10 to make a RFSK.

Directly to the right make another RSFK using 2 strands from above in Row 10 and to the right 2 strands from ROW 16.

ROW 17 will have a total of 4 RFSKs.

**ROW 18:** To shape the right bottom side of nose, use 2 outer strands from the RFSK above in Row 17 and 2 strands to the left from ROW 16 to make a RFSK. Directly to the right make another RFSK in Row 18 to finish the bottom of the right eye, using 2 strands from each RFSK above in the window of Row 17.

Repeat process on left side of skull.

To start shaping the left bottom side of nose, use 2 outer strands from the RFSK above in Row 17 and 2 strands to the right from ROW 16 to make a RFSK.

Directly to the left make another RFSK in Row 18 to finish the bottom of the left eye, using 2 strands from each RFSK above in the window below Row 17.

ROW 18 will have a total of 4 RFSKs.

**ROW 19:** To continue shaping the right bottom side of the nose, use 2 outer strands from the RFSK above in Row 18 and 2 strands to the left from Row 15 to make a RFSK.

Directly to the right make another RFSK in ROW 19 to build the jaw, using 2 strands from each RFSK above in the window of Row 18.

Repeat this process on left side of skull.

To continue shaping the left bottom side of nose, use 2 outer strands from the RFSK above in Row 18 and 2 strands to the right from Row 15 make a RFSK.

Directly to the left make another RFSK in Row 19 to build the jaw, using 2 strands from each RFSK above in the window of Row 18.

ROW 19 will have a total of 4 RFSKs.

**ROW 20:** To continue shaping the right bottom side of nose, use 2 outer strands from the RFSK above in ROW 19 and 2 strands to the left from Row 14 to make a RFSK.

Directly to the right make another RFSK in Row 20 to build the jaw, using 2 strands from each RFSK above in the window of Row 19.

Repeat process on left side of skull design.

To continue shaping the left bottom side of nose, use 2 outer strands from the RFSK above in Row 19 and 2 strands to the right from Row 14 to make a RFSK.

Directly to the left make another RFSK in Row 19 to build the jaw, using 2 strands from each RFSK above in the window of Row 18.

ROW 20 will have a total of 4 RFSKs.

**ROW 21:** To finish nose, use 4 strands from the RFSK above in Row 20 to make a RFSK in the window below. Directly to the right make a RFSK with 4 strands from RFSK above in Row 20.

Repeat this process on the left side to make another RFSK.

ROW 21 will have a total of 3 RFSKs.

### ***Filling in the jaw line:***

Beginning on the rightmost edge of the skull, directly below the last RFSK in Row 15, use 2 strands from the RFSK above in Row 15 and 2 strands from the RFSK in Row 14 to make a RFSK.

Continue in this pattern on a diagonal through Rows 17 – 21 adding a total of 6 RFSKs on an angle using groups of 4 strands.

Repeat pattern on leftmost edge of skull, beginning directly below the last RFSK of Row 15, using 2 strands from the RFSK above in Row 15 and 2 strands from the RFSK in Row 14 to make a RFSK.

Continue in this pattern on diagonal through Rows 17 - 21 adding a total of 6 RFSKs on an angle using groups of 4 strands.

ROW 21 will have a total of 5 RFSKs.

**ROW 22:** To shape the teeth, begin in the center of Row 22 and using 4 strands from the RFSK above in Row 21 make a RFSK in the window below. Directly to the right repeat pattern and make another RFSK in the window below Row 21. Move to the left side and repeat pattern creating 2 more RFSKs below Row 21.

ROW 22 will have a total of 4 RFSKs.

**ROW 23:** To continue the teeth, begin at the far right. This time instead of working in the window below the row above, work directly under the RFSK with the same 4 strands to continue lengthening the teeth.

Make a RFSK and continue this pattern working across the row to the left.

ROW 23 will have a total of 4 RFSKs.

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**ROW 24:** To continue the teeth, work directly under the RFSKs in Row 23 (not in the windows). This time make a Left Facing Square Knot (LFSK), simply start with 4 strands. Bring the left yarn over and to the right of the 2 center anchor yarns. Place the right strand over the left strand. Bring the right strand under the anchors and through the loop formed by the left strand. Continue across the row using LFSK.

ROW 24 will have a total of 4 LFSKs.

**ROW 25:** To continue teeth begin at the far right.

Work directly under the LFSKs with the same 4 strands to continue lengthening the teeth. Make a RFSK, and continue this pattern working across the row to the left to complete.

ROW 25 will have a total of 4 RFSKs.

**ROW 26:** To complete the teeth, working directly under the RFSK's in Row 25 (not in the windows), make one more row of Left Facing Square Knots.

Continue across the row making LFSK.

ROW 26 will have a total of 4 LFSKs.

## BORDER

Border is made with Horizontal Double Half Hitch Knot (HDHHK). Measure 6 in. (cm) down from Row 26 on left most side of piece.

Pull left most strand horizontally to the right.

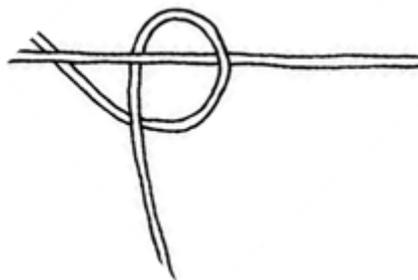
### *Horizontal Double Half Hitch Knot*

**Step 1:** Take the far left strand (strand 1) and lay it horizontally over top of all the other strands. This will be the anchor strand, the strand which other strands are knotted around.

**Step 2:** Take the next strand in from the left (strand 2) and from underneath (strand 1) and wrap it around (strand 1). The tail of the strand will pass over the anchor yarn. Gently tighten the knot around (strand 1). Be careful not to over tighten.

One Horizontal Double Half Hitch Knot (HDHHK) is complete.

*Step 2:*



**Step 3:** Using the same strand repeat the same process taking (strand 2) and wrapping it around (strand 1) again to make the next knot.

Each strand makes 2 knots around anchor strand.

Repeat this series of HDHHK for the remaining 71 strands to complete the border.

**TIP:**

As you move across the Horizontal Anchor Yarn, you can adjust the HHHKs by pushing them towards the left to make them closer together. This help keep the strands straight from the top of the branch to the border.

When border is complete, trim anchor yarn leaving a short yarn tail.

Hot glue tail to back of Hanging.

## **FINISHING**

Trim fringe evenly to about 10 in. (25.5 cm).

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