

Making a Dreamcatcher

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Step 5: Wrapping Hoop.

Wrap the hoop with the yarn. I tuck the end of the yarn along the hoop and work it under as I wrap, eliminating the need for an added knot. Also, the yarn is a bit more manageable to work with if you cut it into two and do half at a time. Finish with a knot tied as close to the hoop as you can get and towards the back of your dreamcatcher. (Note: If you decide to make another dreamcatcher using suede lacing for the wrapping, you'll probably want to wrap it all as one big piece to make the finished design less bulky.)

Step 6: Decorating.

Here are offered two different methods. The actual possibilities are endless.

Step 6A: Fringing.

Cut 9 pieces of yarn 15 inches long. Evenly space and tie the fringe between the bottom three points where the thread connects to the hoop. Cut 2 pieces of yarn about 12 inches long. Tie one end around feathers of your choice and thread the ends up through a pony bead. Use the excess yarn to tie the feathers to the sides of your dreamcatcher. (Illustration 5.) The beads help secure the knot and add a nice touch of color.

Step 6B: Feathers.

Cut three pieces of yarn 15 inches long. Tie feathers to one end of each piece and thread up through a pony bead. Tie one feather dangle in the bottom middle of your dreamcatcher and one dangle on each side. A variation might be to thread two pony beads onto the yarn, then tie feathers to each end and run the pony beads down over the tips of the feathers. Then hang in the same manner of one dangle on the bottom and one on each side. (Illustration 6.)

Step 7: Hanging.

Make a hanger out of leftover yarn by cutting a 6 - 8 inch piece and looping it around the top. If you used the outer half of the embroider hoop, you can tie the hanger around screw at the top.

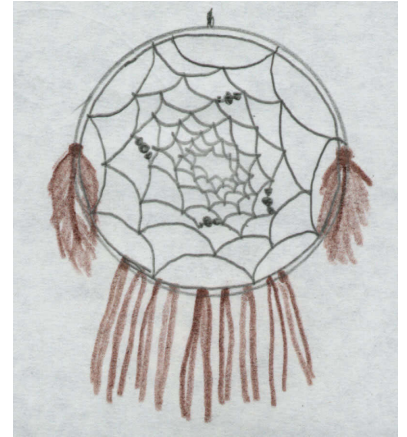


Illustration 6 - Fringing

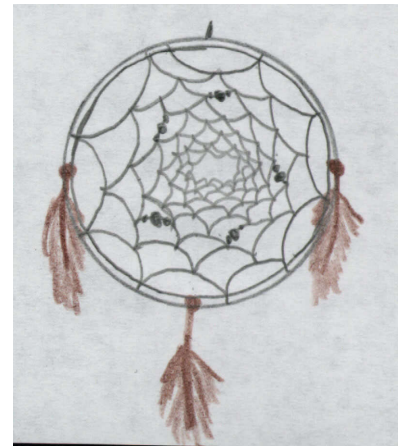


Illustration 6 - Feathers