



The Knotted Boa

It's Knot Knitting (It's really knot...)

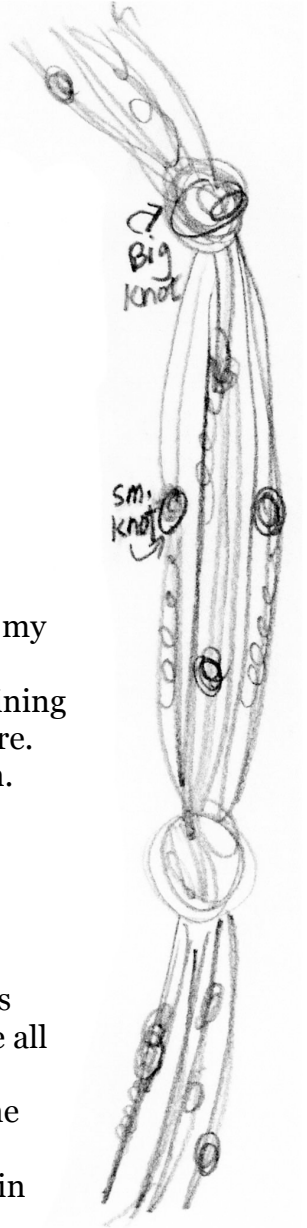
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A boa/scarf creation for those who LOVE art yarns but do not knit or crochet.

Made with your fingers!

Materials:

- ~ 1 skein of any handspun art yarn (min. 80 yards) or any bulky or worsted weight yarn
- ~ Fingers (or large crochet hook)
- ~ Scissors
- ~ Embellishments (optional)



~Will make a boa approx. 72-108 inches long.

~ Create 5-6 strands of finger chains measuring approx. 120 inches long each, adding beads and embellishments as you desire.

~ Why Chain?

Chaining is of course optional, and if your yarn is bulky enough (such as my handspun or any super bulky yarn), you only need to hold a few strands together and begin knotting. If your working yarn is not very bulky, chaining will make your working strands thicker and give your scarf more structure. You are basically making your own bulky yarn from a lighter weight yarn. (eg. 4-6 strands worsted weight = 1 strand of super bulky weight)

~ Add beads and embellishments to your yarn as you knot the chains. (see next page for embellishment ideas)

~ Knot your boa... knot the chains together any place or as many times as you desire to achieve the look you like. Make at least 2 knots that include all of the strands. Try your boa on occasionally to be sure the knots lay in desirable places, for example, you may not want a bit 'ole knot right at the back of your neck.

~ Try knotting different groups of chains at varying intervals. If one chain seems too long, tie a few more knots until it's the right length.

How to make a square knot:

Right over left, Left over right, Makes a knot Good and tight!

(I learned that in girl scouts~ smile)

~ Didja know? Finger chains are the exact same thing as a crochet chain...only difference is the tool you use, so use whichever method makes you happiest!

How to Make a Finger Chain

1. Working from a ball of yarn, take the end and tie the yarn around your index finger, leaving a tail of about 5 inches. Open your palm facing up and let the tail fall into your palm with your index finger straight up. You will hold this tail in your palm to control the tension of your chain.

2. A~ Using your free hand, wrap the working yarn up and around the tip of your finger. You will now have two strands of yarn on your finger.

B~ Take the back loop and slide it up and over the outer loop and off your finger tip. You will have one loop left on your finger.

3. Repeat A & B several times and you will notice a chain is forming! Make this chain as long as you need it to be.

4. To finish the chain, cut the yarn and feed the new end through the last loop of the chain. Tighten. Voila! You have made a magical finger chain!



Make it Your Own!

Embellishment Ideas~

~ String beads onto your yarn before starting your finger chains, pulling the bead up to your finger and chain around it. Balance out your bead placement so each strand is different.

~ Hold strands of fancy novelty or handspun yarns along with your chosen base yarn.

~ Use leftover yarn to add fringe to the ends of the chains or tie strands at random locations leaving the ends to dangle.

~ Once your scarf is complete, tie various items around the scarf for added style and pizzazz! Use seashells, buttons, frou-frous, charms, silk flowers, etc.

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