



## Square Knot Handbag

### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

**Height:** 10½"

**Width:** 10½"

### MATERIALS

**Premier® Yarns Ribbon™** (65% Cotton, 35% Polyester; 7oz/200g, 65yds/60m)

- 2084-12 Denim – 3 balls

**Notions:** Mounting bar (accompanying video tutorial shows clothing rack used as mounting bar)

### Knots/techniques used in this project:

- Lark's Head Knots and Square Knots.
- Mounting technique.
- Alternating Square Knot pattern.

### GLOSSARY

- **Cord:** Either side of a length of yarn that has been folded in half. A single length of yarn once folded, yields 2 cords. Individual cords are numbered and used to form knots.
- **Filler Cords:** Cord(s) around which knots are formed by working cords.
- **Mount:** To incorporate a new length of yarn into a project using a knot.
- **Working Cord:** Cord used to form knots.

### KNOT GUIDE

**Alternating Square Knots Pattern:** Made with 4 cords.

1. Alternate cords, bringing together cords 3 and 4 with cords 5 and 6 from previous row to create a new row,

using cords 3 and 6 as the working cords and cords 4 and 5 as the filler cords. Repeat this step across.

2. For the next row, tie **Square Knots** with cords 1-4 for the first knot and 5-8 for the second knot. Repeat this step across.

**Larks Head Knot:** Fold 1 length of yarn in half. Place the loop over and behind the mount bar. Pull the ends of the yarn through the loop and tighten.

**Overhand Knot:** Hold both ends of the cord and make a loop by bringing the left end over the right end. Pull the left end through the loop and pull to secure.

**Square Knot:** Made with 4 cords.

1. Number the cords 1-4 from left to right. The outer cords (1 and 4) are the working cords, and the inner cords (2 and 3) are the filler cords and will remain in place.
2. Bring cord 1 in front of cords 2 and 3 and behind cord 4.
3. Bring cord 4 behind cords 2 and 3, then forward between cords 1 and 2 (through the loop created by cord 1) so that it is hanging in front of cord 1.
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 using the opposite cords as follows: Bring cord 1 in front of cords 2 and 3 and behind cord 4.
5. Bring cord 4 behind cords 2 and 3 then

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forward between cords 3 and 1 (through the loop created by cord 1).

6. Pull the 2 outer cords to tighten the knot.

## PROJECT NOTES

This Bag is created by working in **Alternating Square Knots Pattern** to create the body of the Bag and a column of **Square Knots** to create the handles. The Bag is removed from the mounting bar and joined at the sides with **Square Knots** to close.

## BAG

1. Cut 54, 4½ yard lengths of yarn.
2. Mount all lengths of yarn on the mount bar with a **Lark's Head Knot**.
3. 6" beneath the mount bar, tie a row of 27 **Square Knots**.
4. Work in **Alternating Square Knots Pattern** for 3".

## HANDLES

1. Count 8 cords from the left side of piece.
2. Tie a column of 10 **Square Knots** using 4 of the 8 cords as filler cords and the other 4 as working cords (2 on each side).
3. Repeat Step 2 on right side of piece.

## REMAINDER OF BAG

1. Continue working in **Alternating Square Knots Pattern** between the Handles, and for 3" beyond the edge of the Handle.

## FINISHING

Cut the cords from the mount bar, leaving length for the side fringe. Fold Bag in half, matching the Handles. Tie **Square Knots** along the side edges to join. Tie **Overhand Knots** along the side edges as needed to close any gaps left by the **Square Knot** join. Trim the Fringe on both sides.

