

Lacy Trellis Bookmark

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Materials

20 yards of Lace weight yarn, sample knit with *Fino*, 70% Baby Alpaca/30% Silk from Alpaca with a Twist

US Size 1 (2.25mm) needles – double pointed or single
US Size 0 (2.00mm) double pointed needle (or smaller)

Gauge is not important with this project

Cast On: On size 1 needles, cast on 19 stitches using the Long Tail (Sling Shot, Continental) method.

Top Border: Knit 4 rows

Begin pattern:

Row 1: K2, K1tbl, K13, K1tbl, K2

Row 2: K2, P1tbl, P13, P1tbl, K2

Row 3: K2, K1tbl, K4tog, (YO, K1) 5 times, YO, K4tog tbl, K1tbl, K2

Row 4: repeat row 2

K	knit
P	purl
tbl	thru back loop
YO	yarn over
tog	together

Repeat these 4 rows for a total of 15 times. Next, knit one more row of Row 1 of the pattern.

Bottom Border: Knit 4 rows. Bind off. Weave in yarn tails.

Tassel: Make a cardboard template about 3" square. Wind yarn 15 times around the template. Cut yarn across one end of the template and carefully slide the group of yarns off of the template. Grasp tassel at the folded end, pick up one of the strands, and wrap tightly 4 times around all the strands about 1/2" from the folded top of tassel. Tuck in wrapping strand under itself to secure. Pull snugly.

Cut a length of yarn 16" long and fold to double. Using a yarn darning needle, thread this strand through the top of the tassel and loosely attach to the bookmark. Block piece, stretching to reveal the lacy pattern.

Tips & Tricks

Knit 4 together: Pick up a double pointed needle at least 1 size smaller than what you are currently using. Insert this needle as if to purl through all 4 stitches leaving stitches on both needles. Continue to slide the needle all the way through until the stitches are on the right-hand side of this needle, bunching the 4 stitches at the tip. Now, wrap your yarn as usual on this needle. Pull wrap through as you apply constant, gentle pressure between the needle tips to ensure continuous contact as you pull the wrap through. Slip the new single stitch back to the left-hand needle. Then slip as if to purl to your usual right-hand needle and adjust tension with a gentle tug.

Knit 4 together thru the back loop: Pick up a double pointed needle at least 1 size smaller than what you are currently using. Insert this needle as if to purl through all 4 stitches. Now, keeping this needle and the left-hand needle parallel, slide this needle UP and OVER the top of the left-hand needle – like rotating around each other. The smaller needle is now mounted through the back loops of the 4 stitches. Working on the tips of the needles, wrap, and pull yarn through keeping continuous contact between the two needles. Slip the new single stitch back to the left-hand needle. Then slip as if to purl to your usual right-hand needle and adjust tension with a gentle tug.

