

# make IT AT home

## Mug Rug Coaster

### Provided in the kits:

- Yarn – 2 colors
- 6 x 12-inch cardboard piece
- 3.5 inch square template
- Plastic needle

### You will also need:

- Ruler
- Pen or pencil
- Scissors
- Fork
- Fabric adhesive (optional)



### Instructions:

1. Trace the square template onto the center of the cardboard piece.
2. Using a ruler and pencil, marks along the top and bottom of the cardboard –  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch apart.
3. Cut notches at each  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch mark.
4. Feed one end of the white yarn into the notch that lines up with the top left-hand corner of the traced square.
5. Begin wrapping the yarn around the cardboard piece, putting one string in each notch.
  - Make sure the yarn is taut but not so tight that it bends the cardboard.
6. Optional: Measure and cut several pieces of 50-inch lengths of yarn for easier weaving.
7. Take a length of yarn and knot it at the bottom right-hand corner of the square outline.
8. Thread that same length of yarn onto your needle.
9. Begin weaving using the pattern under one string, over the next until you reach the other side.
10. Using the fork, gently push the string to line up along the bottom edge of the square outline.
11. Weave the other direction – this time using an opposite pattern, over one string, under the next.
  - Make sure you are not pulling the string too tight.
  - You want all edges to be as straight as possible.
  - Continue steps 8 – 10.
12. Once you would like to change colors, you will need to leave a tail 3-4 inches long.
13. Begin to weave the new yarn color, also leaving a tail 3-4 inches long.
  - These tails will be tucked in later.
14. Snip the white strings along the top and bottom of the cardboard.
15. Tie the white yarn, two by two, to create tassel.
  - Make sure to pull the knot tight to the base of the string
16. Trim the tassels as needed.
17. For each tail, thread the string back through the underside of the mug rug and trim the excess
  - You may choose to glue each tail down with fabric adhesive.

View the instructional video on our YouTube channel and Facebook page beginning Monday, October 3.