

Baby Rattle 2” Cube

Materials:

1 sheet - 7 Count plastic canvas square sheets

90” (230 cm) - yarn total for the rattle

1 – small jingle bell or small plastic bottle, 1/4 full of small stones

Step 1:

Cut 7 count plastic canvas squares sheets into 2” squares. You will need 6 squares to make the 2” rattle. With your scissors trim off any of the pokey ends. Be careful not to cut through the straight bar. All of your squares need to be exactly the same size to make the cube.

Step 2:

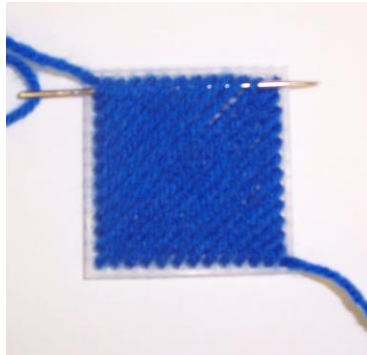
Thread a large-eyed needle with approximately 90 inches of yarn. Do not tie a knot. One end of the yarn should be about one foot longer than the other end.

Step 3:

Starting on the backside, bring the needle and yarn up through #1. Pull it through until there is approximately a 3 inch tail hanging underneath. Take the needle down through #2. Reach across underneath and come up through #3. Continue doing this until the entire square is covered on both sides. All of the stitching is done along the edges. When you get to the end take one more stitch down through #48.

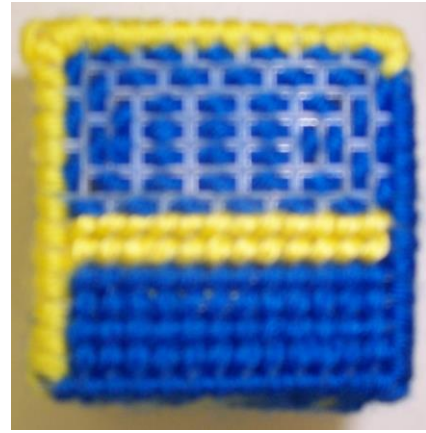
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Do not make any knots. Thread your needle underneath about an inch of the diagonal yarn. Cut the yarn. Thread the tail of yarn that you left at the beginning and weave it under the same way. Cut the loose end so it doesn't show.



If you want to fill every hole diagonally you can follow this pattern. Be creative. Mix different stitches and colors. Sew flowers or other designs. As long as it looks good anything is possible.

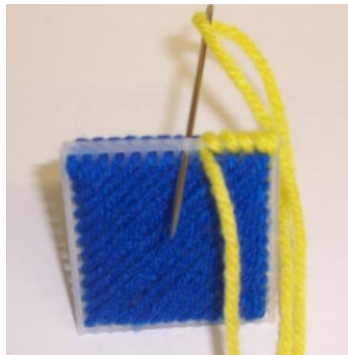
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Depending on your design you may not end up with every hole filled. You can simply take some straight stitches to fill those holes or go back through another stitch. Just be sure to end your stitches on the back. Hide your loose ends by stitching underneath your stitches on the back. Trim any dangling yarn.

Step 4:

Once you are finished with all six squares it is time to put them together. Place two squares together so that the outsides are showing. With your needle and a long yarn come up between the two squares at an end. Leave a tail inside. Remember "No Knots." Do an overcast stitch connecting the squares. When you get to the other side add another square and continue in the same way until you have all of the squares formed into a cube. Remember to add the bell before you sew up the last side.



Step 5

When all of the sides are sewn together, slide the needle underneath the yarn to hide the end. Clip any loose tails.



Variations:

Cut your plastic squares into different sizes to make other shapes.

- 4 – 1” x 5” and 2 – 1” x 1”
- 4 – 2.5 cm x 12.5 cm and 2 – 2.5 cm x 2.5 cm
- Use multiple colors or multi-colored yarn
- Experiment with different patterns and shapes