



Bobble & Thread Necklace

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MODA DEA® “Bamboo Wool™”: 1 Ball each 3702 Boysenberry **A** and 3365 Coffee **B**.

COATS® “Metallic Sewing Thread”: 1 Spool 802 Silver.

Straight Knitting Needles: 6mm [US 10].
2 Double Pointed Needles: 3.75mm [US 5].

Yarn needle; purchased clasp.

GAUGE: Gauge is not critical for this project.

Each necklace is made of 5 bobbles that are encased in a sheath knit of silver thread.

BOBBLES (Make 2 with **A** and 3 with **B**): With larger straight needles, cast on 10 sts, leaving a 12” tail at cast-on. You will use this tail at seaming to stuff the bobble so it’s nice and plump.

Row 1: Knit

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: [K2tog] 5 times – 5 sts.

Row 4: P2tog, P3tog – 2 sts.

Row 5: K2tog. Break yarn, leaving a 12” tail. Thread the tail back through the remaining stitch on the needle and pull.

Seaming

Thread the yarn needle with the 12” tail used to tie off the last stitch of the bobble. Right now if you spread out the bobble, it would look like a half circle. You are going to seam the sides to turn the half-circle into a cone shape. Sew from the center working your way to the outer cast-on edge. The tied-off stitch at the center will poke out a bit. As you seam, use your needle and yarn to make it sit down inside the bobble. Now the bobble is a coned circle. *(photo 1)*

Photo Note: We used a contrasting color yarn so it’s easier to see where to sew.



photo 1

Using the same needle, pick up stitches along the cast-on edge *(photo 2)*. In a moment you’ll pull these stitches to gather the coned circle into a ball.



photo 2

But first stuff the cast-on tail into the center of the bobble *(photo 3)*.

Now pull the yarn to gather. The cone-shaped bobble has turned into a fat little ball *(photos 4 & 5)*.



photo 3

Make sure you sew the end very securely before cutting so that it doesn’t come unraveled during



photo 4



photo 5



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felting. A good way to do this is to pass the tail back and forth through the bobble.

Felt the Bobbles: Sew down all ends and snip remaining tail at the surface of the bobble. Throw all the bobbles into a mesh laundry bag or a pillow case and close by zipping or tying. Now you are ready to felt!

Start the washing machine. Set the machine to hot and on the lowest-water, highest agitation cycle. Let the basin fill with hot water.

Add bag with bobbles to the wash. When the agitator starts moving, add the bag to plain water. There is no need to add detergent or baking soda, as some patterns suggest.

Check for doneness. You'll know that your bobbles are done when

- They are the right size
- Their stitch definition has disappeared



photo 6

They look like this: (photo 6)

Remove bobbles and rinse. Rinse in the sink, and squeeze out excess water by hand. The bobbles are all damp, not wet, and ready to shape.

Shape. Simply roll the bobbles in your palms, as you would shape cookie dough into a ball. (photo 7)



photo 7

Metallic Thread Chain and Sheath: The thread is knit double, so begin by making a bobbin. To knit, use one thread from the bobbin and one from the spool.

CORD (Make 2): With double pointed needles and a double strand of the thread, cast on 2 sts.

Row 1: Knit. Do NOT turn the work.

Row 2: Slide sts to other end of needle, pull the thread firmly around the back, and Knit the sts as usual.

Repeat Row 2 until the cord measures 8". Fasten off and weave in end.

SHEATH: With double pointed needles and a double strand of the thread, cast on 12 sts. Work in St st until all 6 bobbles fit comfortably into the sheath AND there is enough room in between to tie knots: about 9" long. Place the 12 sts on a safety pin or a small holder.

Seam the long edges together up to the holder, but don't tie off thread.

Next tie a knot into the sheath at opposite end of the holder. Pull the knot as tightly as possible.

Place a **B** bobble into the sheath and push all the way down to the knot. The sheath should fit snugly around the bobble. Tie a second knot in the sheath on the other side of the bobble and as close as possible. Pull the knot tightly. Next, place an **A** bobble into the sheath and push it against the second knot. Tie a third knot to hold the bobble in place. Continue in this manner until all the bobbles are in the sheath and are knotted in place.

You've left the stitches on a holder so you can get the sizing just right. If the sheath is too short, knit more. If the sheath is too long, pull the stitches back. To end, bind off all sts and place a firm knot next to the last bobble.

With a sharp scissors, trim the excess sheath coming out of the first and last knots.

Using the sewing needle and metallic thread, sew the 2 cords onto the first and last knots to create a chain. Weave in and trim ends.

Attach the clasp to complete the necklace.



MODA DEA® "Bamboo Wool™", Art. R167 available in 2.8oz (80g), 145yd (133m) balls.

COATS® "Metallic Sewing Thread", Art. D62 available in 200yd spools.

ABBREVIATIONS: **A, B** = color A, B **K** = knit; **mm** = millimeters; **P** = purl; **St st** = Stockinette stitch (Knit on right side rows; Purl on wrong side rows.); **st(s)** = stitch (es); **tog** = together; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.



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