Tutorial - Tassels

Tassels are a great way to dress up your knitting or crochet project. They can be a little time consuming, but I promise the fun makes up for it. Night bloom by Charlotte Lee in our Autumn Volume Six Collection is a great example of how gorgeous tassles end up being. So first things first, you're going to need a yarn needle pair of scissors and a piece of cardboard cut to the length that you would like your tassle to be. For example, this is about four and a half inches. So that means my final tassel will be about four, four and a half inches. The first thing that you want to do before you actually made the, make the tassel is to cut yourself some wrapping strands you'll need two for each tassel. And I like to cut them at least 25 inches or 61 centimeters in length. At least sometimes you might need a little bit more depending on how fat your tassel ends up being. So we'll measure that out, so I have my two wrapping strands and I'm going to set them aside because I don't need them with this moment.

And now we're going to take our yarn and we are going to start wrapping around the cardboard. However many times you wrap around the cardboard will be how thick and fat your tassel ends up being. So for heavier weight yarns, such as a worst weight or bulky weight, 30 times give or take gives you a nice chunky type of tassel. And if you have a fingering weight yarn, you definitely want to hit well over 80 reps, just so that you have enough bulk in that top part. So I'm going to aim for about 30 here. Let's see. And I want to stay a little close to the edge. So it's easy to slide off later. Don't worry about your tail down here.

So I've got about 30. I'm looking at that thinking it might be cuter as a fatter tassel one, thirty two. So I went 50. When you get to the end, go ahead and snip your tail off here and just leave it snug it a little bit back there. Now I'm going to take our yarn needle and one of those wrapping strands, thread the wrapping strand onto your yarn needle, like so. And I like to, I usually come in about the middle here just so I can make sure I am actually getting behind the yarn, just like that. Pull the yarn needle off cause you don't need it at this moment and bring it up. I like to bring it right as tight as I can towards the top here. And I'm just going to tie a nice snug knot.

I read this little trick one time, um, from a sewing blog that if you do the overhand, knot like that, but do it twice, makes a more secure knot. So they say, make it nice and strong there. And then sometimes I'll do a second knot, like so, so don't worry too much about this placement because that wrapping yarn, that wrapping strand, we will use to attach to our project when we're done. Now, at this point, some people will cut it from here. I don't usually do that. I like to take it all off first. So now I'm going to start sliding it off, being gentle with it. We don't want it to go haywire. I tend to keep my fingers in the inside the loop, just like that, just to help out. Tighten that up a little bit more if you need to, but lay it flat so you can see what you're doing here and get your other wrapping strand. And you are going to come. And this is totally up to you on how you want to place this right in the middle. I'm thinking, give or take about an inch below the top of the tassel. I'm going to take my wrapping strand. I'm going to give it a nice little snug there. That might be a little bit too low. Move it up a little bit higher, just a smidge right there. That's cute. And if it feels a little messy at top, just give these bottom ones just tugs if you need to, just to help smooth out the top, give it a little tug like, so, and then I like to, I know it seems fiddly with all of these strands here, but I like to take one of my strands and just wrap it around a good couple of times here. I want it to be nice and secure. So I do that. Then I like to knot it again and I could be a little overboard in the knotting. Uh, don't believe that that's a bad

thing. Get a nice snug tug, and then I'll take the other side. And I might go around a couple more times just to make it pretty. It's up to you. If you want three or four strands, if you want a big fat strand there, the tassels are really totally personal, totally customizable. It's whatever you feel like doing. So I'll come around a couple of times. And then what I like to do just to take my yarn needle and thread,if I could get it through there, through the yarn needle, I'll add both strands, actually. At the same time, cause I'm a rebel, draw those through so that they're even, and I will go in over and beneath the loop like that.

Some people like to go around it one more time, but I just, grab them both like that, go in behind the loop, down into the center of the tassel and I will pull it through. Some people like to knot it right there, that's totally okay to do. Some people will wrap it once and do a couple of quick knots. That's totally okay. It's completely up to you. There's no wrong way with a tassel. I promise. Anyway, so bring it through the center of your tassel like that and pull your yarn needle off. And so you see they're hanging in here, but they're going to blend in because we're getting ready to cut all of our strands and then give it a little trim. Yeah. You just go and grab all of your loops with with your scissors and you're just going to cut them, cut them right open. I think I got them all pretty sure did. Once I've done that, then I'll kind of lay it just a little bit flat, like so, and I don't go crazy here because I like the rough edge with the tassels. I don't need them all to line up so much so. And there you have a tassel.

Once I'm done with all of my tassels, then I want to attach it to my project. So I have a little swatch here that I will demonstrate pretty much what that looks like. It's not super complicated. It's basically however you want to however, or you like to weave in your ends. It's very similar to that. So I, two-strand it and I will put, I'll trim the edges so that they're even, and then I will thread those through my yarn needle, like, so make them about even. And so we're using this and if you wanted to, you could come down here underneath the loop to help hide the, knot kind of snug it around totally up to you. I don't bother with that usually very often. And how, wherever you want to attach your tassel. This is the front. This is the back of my swatch. Typically tassels tend to go into corners. So that's where I'm going to start. I like to just come in somewhere within that corner, right in between the first row and the cast on edge, give or take around the selvage edge as well, just pool the yarn through. I like to come around again from back to front so I can really wrap around the knitted fabric, like so, and I may do that a couple of times. Depends on how, uh, how secure, how worried you are about how worried you are about your tassel falling off. So once I've done that, um, there's times I've even wrapped it around like that kind of give it a little bit of a wrapped look, but you certainly do not have to do that. Uh, again, this is all, there is no wrong in tassel work.

Anyway, once it is secure enough that you are happy with, then you just basically weave in your ends, just like you would any other time. So what I tend to do is I will come in under this stitch right here, just like so, then I like to trace. So I'm coming over this little frown right here, trace over that and come down into two stitches, just like so. I will trace over whatever that next stitch is, come down again through two rows. Would help if I could insert my needle, just like that. I might've gotten a little too close to the edge there, but I'm not too worried about it. Then I'll trace over that. Come down two more again. And because I know that I have it secure enough at the corner. I don't worry about tracing back over my work or anything. I'll just go until I'm comfortable with however many stitches, four or five times. And then I just trim that'll wiggle back in as it wants to, I'll get it a little bit closer. And voila I have attached my tassel and it went from bland to bazam! Just like that!