

Felt Ball Noren

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Finished measurements:

approx. 75cm/29.5in wide, 85cm/33.5in long

Materials

- Pierrot Yarns Soft Merino Bulky [100% merino wool; 43.7 yds/40 m per 1.4 oz / 40g skein];
 - MC: #1 ivory; 2 skeins [60g]
- Pierrot Yarns Felt Hitsuji-chan [100% merino wool; 0.9 oz / 25g package]
 - CC1: #3 orange; 1 package [12g]
 - CC2: #4 green tea; 1 package [12g]
 - CC3: #5 biscuit; 1 package [12g]
 - CC4: #6 coffee brown; 1 package [12g]
 - CC5: #7 powder pink; 1 package [12g]
 - CC6: #11 yellow; 1 package [12g]
 - CC7: #13 red; 1 package [12g]
 - CC8: #1 off-white; 1 package [12g]
- US size H crochet hook (5.0mm)
- tapestry needle
- hot soapy water
- craft glue
- curtain rod

Abbreviations

Note: instructions use US/Japanese conventions.

ch	chain	sk	skip
prev	previous	sl	slip
sc	single crochet	st	stitch

Directions

Foundation

With MC, ch 101.

Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across: 100 sc completed. ch1, turn work.

Rows 2, 3, & 4: 2sc, *ch1, sk 1 st, sc*, rep from * to * across. ch1, turn work.

Row 5: sc, *ch10, join with sl into 1st loop in ch, sc in ch-1 space from prev row*, rep from * to * across.

Cut yarn and bind off. Weave in ends.



Felt balls

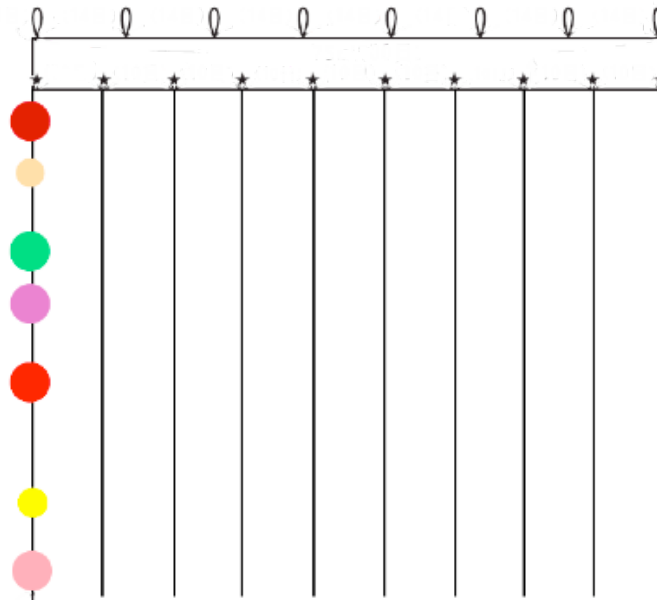
Using Felt Hitsuji-chan, make approximately 75 felt balls as described below. Make a variety of colors in two sizes: small (2cm diameter) and large (3cm diameter).

1. Tear a small piece of wool from the package and roll it into a ball.
2. Soak the ball in hot soapy water.
3. Roll the wool in the palm of your hand to get a nice, round shape. (You may wish to wear rubber gloves while doing this.) Continue until ball becomes felted (fulled).
4. To smooth out a lumpy felt ball, pull on the ball to create a long tuft [see figure at right]. Wrap this tuft around the outer surface of the ball and rub with soapy water.
5. Allow to dry thoroughly.



Assembly

Cut 10 lengths of Soft Merino Bulky, 83cm/32.7in each. Tie one end to bottom of foundation piece at 10-stitch intervals (see stars on diagram below). Weave tied ends into back of foundation piece.



Thread felt balls onto yarn, varying size and color according to your preferences. (For reference purposes, the *noren* in the photo has 7-8 balls per string.) Place drop of glue on either end of felt ball where it touches string to secure the ball to the string. Allow glue to dry. [You may also wish to tie a small knot immediately below each ball to secure it. If so, use longer piece of yarn.]

After stringing all desired balls on a string, tie a knot in the bottom of the string. Length of yarn between foundation piece and knot at bottom should be approximately 78cm/30.7in.

Push curtain rod through loops and hang in doorway.