

Fox Bookmark Wall Hanging

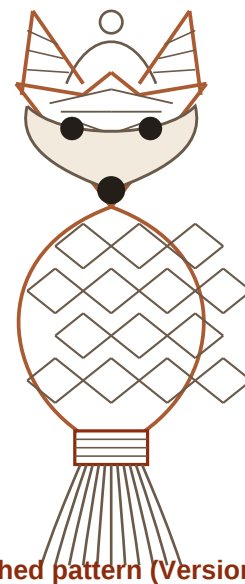
A Javoews House pattern

Two versions in one pattern | Skill level: Confident Beginner - Intermediate

Finished size: 4 in x 12 in (10 x 30 cm) incl. tassel | Build time: 3-4 hours / 1-2 evening sessions per fox



Inspiration



Finished pattern (Version 2)

Version 1 works the body as a solid chevron-and-bundle fill with a rust tassel; Version 2 opens the body into an airy alternating-square-knot lattice and finishes with a cream tassel. Head, ears, and face are identical in both.



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Materials

Item	Spec	Qty / Yardage
Cotton cord, single-twist, rust	3 mm	approx 28 yd / 26 m per fox
Cotton cord, single-twist, cream	3 mm	V1: 5 yd / V2: 10 yd
Round black wooden beads (eyes)	10 mm, 3 mm hole	2
Round black wooden bead (nose)	12-14 mm, 3 mm hole	1
Anchor cord for mounting	3 mm, any color	24 in / 60 cm (removed later)
Project board + T-pins	12 x 18 in	1 board, 8-10 pins
Tools		sharp scissors, tape measure, pet brush, fabric glue (optional)

Designer's note

The request slip says "bookmarks" - the inspiration photo shows these worked as mini wall hangings on a hanging loop. The pattern is written flat and small either way: skip the loop and stiffen the back with fabric glue for a bookmark, or keep the loop for wall decor.

Time to complete (beginner-to-intermediate, per fox)

Total: 3-4 hours / 1-2 evening sessions

Mounting & ears: 30 min | Face & muzzle: 60 min | Beads: 10 min

Body (V1 solid: 45 min / V2 lattice: 60 min) | Wrap, tassel & finishing: 40 min



Cord Cutting Chart

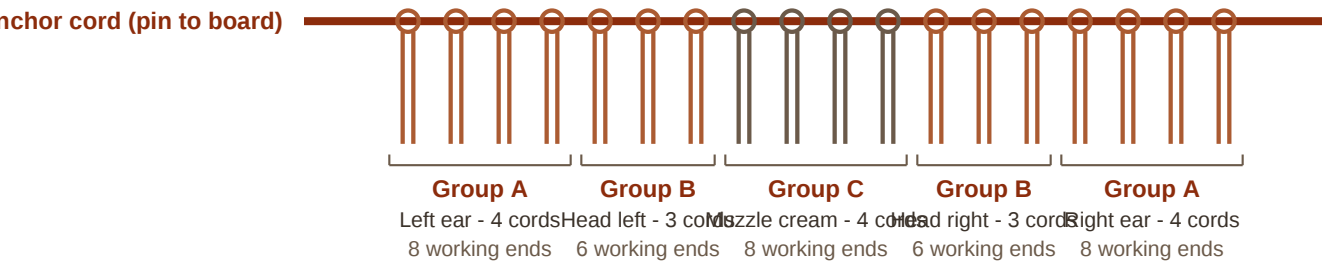
Label	Purpose	Qty	Cut length	Subtotal
A	Ear cords, rust	8	55 in / 140 cm	12.2 yd
B	Head cords, rust	6	50 in / 127 cm	8.3 yd
C	Muzzle cords, cream	4	40 in / 100 cm	4.4 yd
D	Body carriers, rust	2	45 in / 115 cm	2.5 yd
E	Tassel pack (V1 rust / V2 cream)	12	14 in / 36 cm	4.7 yd
F	Wrap cord + hanging loop, rust	2	26 in / 66 cm	1.4 yd
TOTAL per fox		34 cords		approx 33.5 yd / 30.6 m

Cut everything 3-4 inches longer than listed if this is your first fox - single-twist cord frays as you rework knots, and the face rows are unforgiving of short carriers.



Cord Layout & Mounting Diagram

The fox is built face-down-the-board on a horizontal anchor cord, not a dowel. Pin the anchor taut, mount the 18 face cords below in this exact order, work the piece, then slide the anchor out at finishing and snug the top row closed into the ear points.



Mount 18 cords total (36 working ends) across a 4 in / 10 cm span - no gaps between groups.

Groups C mount with reverse lark's head so the cream bar sits flat.

Added mid-build (not mounted on the anchor):

Group D - body carriers, 2 rust cords hitched at the chin point

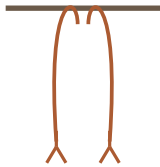
Group E - tassel pack, 12 cords rya-knotted above the wrap

Group F - wrap cord + hanging loop, tied at finishing

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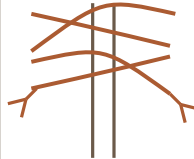
Knot Reference Guide

Six knots build the whole fox. Abbreviations below are used throughout the construction steps.



Lark's Head (LH)

Fold cord in half, loop over carrier, pull both ends through the fold.



Square Knot (SK)

Left over fillers, right under; then mirror. Two halves = one SK.



Diagonal Double Half Hitch (DDHH)

Hold carrier at an angle; each cord makes two hitches over it, sliding snug.



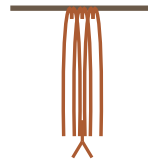
Alternating Square Knot (ASK)

Offset each SK row by two cords to open a lattice of diamonds.



Wrap (Gathering) Knot (WK)

Lay a loop down the bundle, coil upward, feed end through loop, pull hidden.

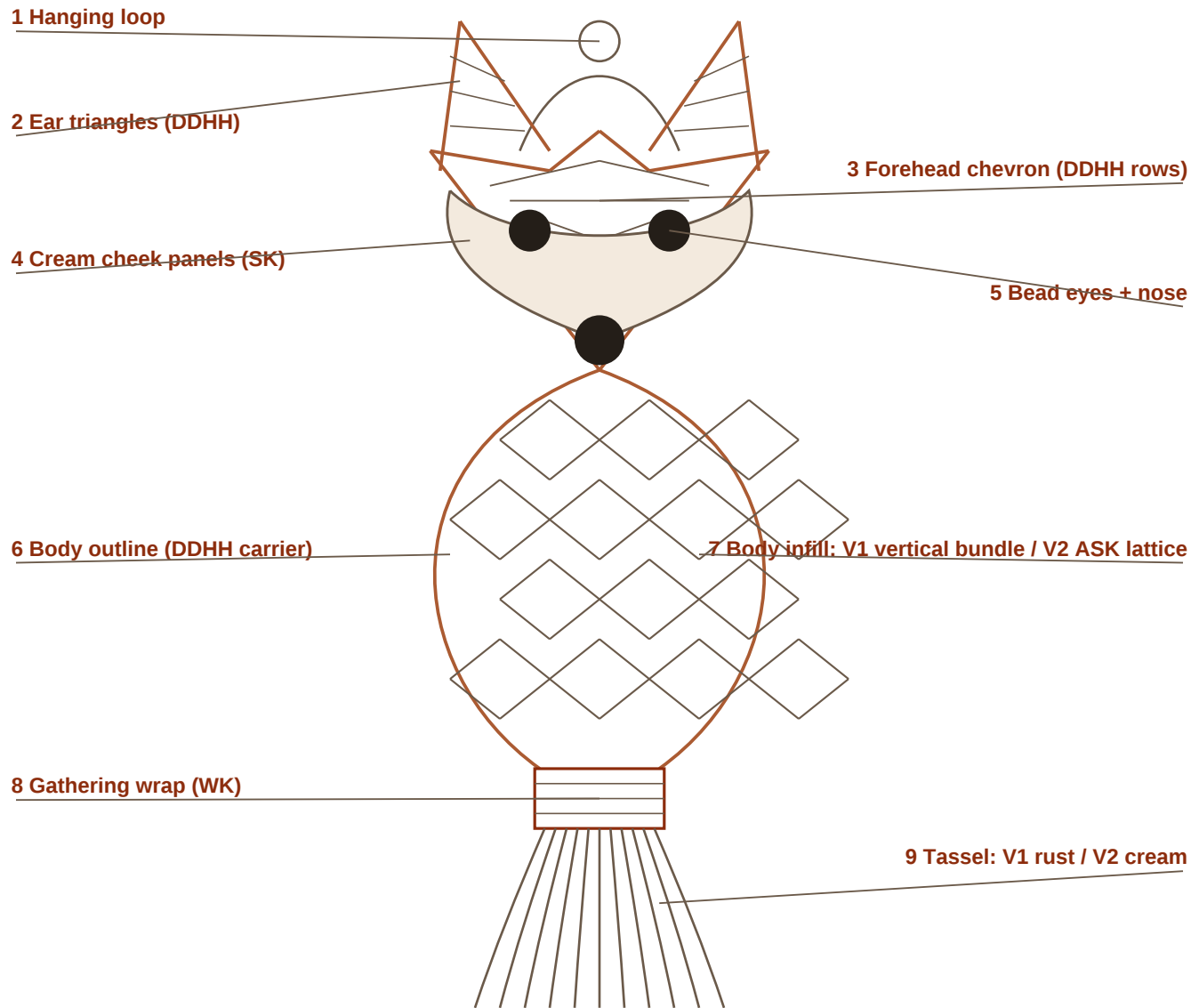


Rya (Tassel) Knot (RT)

Fold tassel cords over the anchor row, pull tails through their own fold, snug.

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Full Piece Assembly Map



Numbers match the build order overleaf. The map shows Version 2; Version 1 replaces zone 7 with a vertical cord bundle behind two chevron rows.



Build Order Overview

- 1. Mount cords A-B-C-B-A on the anchor (18 cords, 36 ends)
- 2. Ears: two DDHH triangles, worked point-up
- 3. Forehead: three DDHH chevron rows meeting at center
- 4. Cheeks & muzzle: cream SK panels shaped under the eye line
- 5. Beads: thread eyes, then the nose at the chin point
- 6. Body outline: DDHH egg on carriers D
- 7. Body infill: V1 solid bundle / V2 ASK lattice
- 8. Gathering wrap (WK) closes the body bottom
- 9. Tassel: rya-knot pack E, trim level; add hanging loop F

1 Mounting

Pin the anchor cord horizontally across your board, drum-tight. Mount groups in the order A(4) B(3) C(4) B(3) A(4) using lark's head for rust cords and reverse lark's head for the cream group C so its flat bar faces the back. Keep the 18 mounted heads touching - the finished face is only 4 in wide and any mounting gap becomes a hole between the ears.

2 Ears

Work the left ear on its 4 A-cords plus the nearest B-cord (10 working ends). Pin the outermost cord as carrier, angle it 45 degrees toward the center, and DDHH every cord over it. Second row: next cord out becomes carrier, same angle, sitting snug under row one. Third row completes the triangle. Mirror for the right ear. The unhitched inner ends hang ready for the forehead.

3 Forehead chevron

Take the innermost left cord as carrier, angle down-right toward the center line; DDHH all left-side cords over it. Mirror from the right. Where the two carriers meet, hitch right over left (see deep-dive 1, step 4). Repeat for three chevron rows total - each row starts one cord further out, so the chevrons nest with no gaps and the head widens to its full 4 in at the eye line.

4 Cheeks & muzzle

The 4 cream C-cords plus the 2 rust cords flanking them work the muzzle. Tie SKs in rows of 2-3-2, decreasing by dropping the outer pair each row so the cream panel tapers toward the chin. Pull each SK slightly tighter than the rust rows above - the cream should sit proud of the face, exactly like the photo.

5 Beads

Thread each 10 mm eye onto the filler pair at the inner corner of each cheek, then lock it with one SK beneath. The 12-14 mm nose threads onto the two center cords at the chin point and locks with a tight overhand behind. Beads go on BEFORE the body - retro-fitting them means unpicking the chin.



6 Body outline

Hitch the two D carriers at the chin point, one angling down-left, one down-right. DDHH the face cords over them, easing the angle from 45 degrees to nearly vertical over the first four knots so the outline bellies outward into an egg. Pin the carriers to the board in the egg curve and keep hitching to the widest point, then curve back inward.

7 Body infill - two versions

VERSION 1 (solid): tie one chevron of DDHH under the chin, then let all interior cords fall straight as a vertical bundle inside the outline. Tension them evenly and pin at the bottom.

VERSION 2 (lattice): work 4 rows of alternating square knots with a 12 mm gap between rows (deep-dive 2). The gaps open the diamond lattice; the outline carriers gather the row ends.

8 Gathering wrap

Where the outline carriers meet at the bottom, gather every cord - outline, infill, all of it - into one bundle. Tie a 8-10 turn wrap knot with one F cord (deep-dive 3). The wrap is the fox's "hips": it must sit level or the tassel hangs crooked.

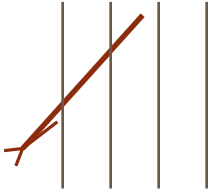
9 Tassel & loop

Rya-knot the 12 E cords onto the lowest body row so they emerge from under the wrap, or simply include them in the bundle before wrapping. Trim level 3 in below the wrap and brush out with a pet brush for the soft brush-tail look. Slide out the anchor cord, snug the top row, and tie the remaining F cord between the ear points as a hanging loop - or skip the loop for the bookmark version.

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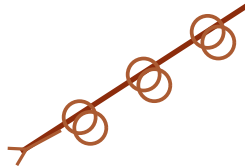
Technique Deep-Dive 1: DDHH Chevron Face

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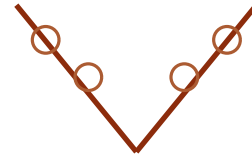
Pin the center cord as carrier; angle it down-left at 45 degrees.

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Hitch each cord twice over the carrier, sliding knots snug uphill.

3



Mirror: second carrier angles down-right; meet at the center point.

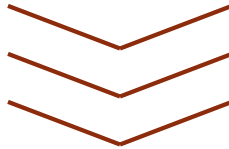
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right over left

Cross carriers at the point; the right carrier hitches over the left.

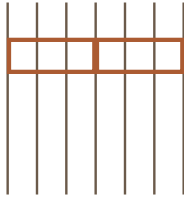
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Stack 3 chevron rows with no gap - this is the forehead fabric.

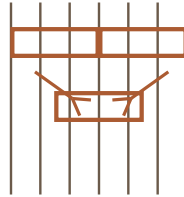
Technique Deep-Dive 2: Open Lattice Body (Version 2)

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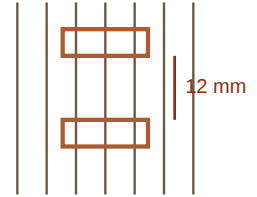
Row 1: tie SKs in groups of 4 across all 14 body cords.

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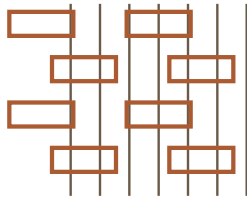
Row 2: drop 2 cords each side; knot with 2 cords from each neighbor.

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Leave 0.5 in / 12 mm of bare cord between rows - that gap IS the lattice.

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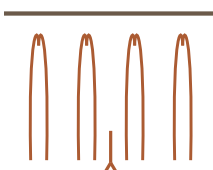


Repeat 4 rows, easing tension outward so the body bellies into an egg.

Version 1 builders: skip this page. Your body infill is the vertical bundle described in construction section 7.

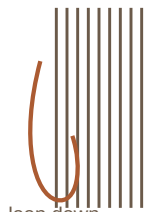
Technique Deep-Dive 3: Wrap Knot & Brush Tassel

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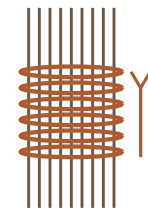
Rya-knot 12 tassel cords onto the lowest lattice row, centered.

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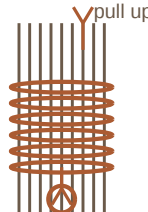
Gather ALL cords; lay the wrap cord in a long loop pointing down.

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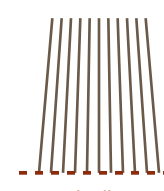
Coil upward 8-10 turns, snug and stacked - never overlapping.

4



Feed the tail through the loop; pull the top end to bury it inside.

5



Trim tassel level, 3 in / 7.5 cm below the wrap; brush for fluff.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Likely cause	Fix
Ears flop forward	DDHH rows too loose	Re-tension each hitch as you slide it home; block flat under books
Face has a gap between ears	Mounting gap on anchor	Push mounted heads together before row 1; snug top row at finishing
Chevron point sits off-center	Carriers crossed wrong way	Right carrier always hitches over left at the meet
Cream muzzle sinks into face	SKs tied looser than rust rows	Retie muzzle SKs one notch tighter than everything else
Lattice diamonds uneven (V2)	Row gaps inconsistent	Cut a 12 mm card spacer; hold it between rows as you knot
Body egg looks like a rectangle	Carrier angle held at 45 all the way	Ease toward vertical after knot 4; pin the curve first, knot second
Wrap knot unravels	Fewer than 8 turns or tail not buried	Rewrap 8-10 turns; pull the start end hard to bury the loop
Tassel hangs crooked	Wrap not level	Loosen, level the wrap with a pin either side, retighten



Finishing & Care

- Block the finished fox face-down under heavy books overnight - the chevron face wants to cup.
- Brush the tassel in downward strokes only; over-brushing thins single-twist cord fast.
- Bookmark version: paint the back with dilute fabric glue (1:1 with water), dry flat, and trim any halo.
- A light steam (never touch the iron to cord) relaxes kinks in the hanging loop and tassel.
- Spot-clean only; single-twist cotton felts if machine washed.