

Sage Guardian Angel - Quick Reference

Build time (beginner-to-intermediate): 12-16 hours / 4-5 evening sessions - Advanced - 16" W x 26" L (41 x 66 cm) incl. driftwood



Inspiration



MATERIALS AT A GLANCE

- 4mm single-twist cotton string, sage green - approx. 265 yd (243 m) total
- Driftwood branch, 18-20" long, 3/4-1" diameter, sturdy and cured
- 35mm unfinished wooden bead (head) with 8-10mm hole
- 24 x 10mm natural wooden beads (wing columns), 4mm hole minimum
- 1 wooden heart charm, ~1.25", horizontally drilled

CORD CUTTING QUICK-REF

- A 24 x 13 ft (4.0 m) - Wings (working cords)
- B 6 x 5 ft (1.5 m) - Wing rib carriers
- C 8 x 11 ft (3.4 m) - Body & bodice
- D 22 x 9 ft (2.7 m) - Skirt fringe
- E 12 x 4 ft (1.2 m) - Leaf tassels
- F 5 x 6 ft (1.8 m) - Head wrap, headband, hanger
- G 3 x 5 ft (1.5 m) - Wraps & gathers

721 ft ≈ 240 yd - buy 265 yd for trim allowance

KNOT ABBREVIATIONS

- LHK Lark's Head Knot - Fold cord in half, push loop over the dowel
- SK Square Knot - Left cord over the two fillers and under the
- DHH Double Half Hitch - Loop the working cord over the carrier twice
- DDHH Diagonal Double Half Hitch - DHH worked along a carrier held at an angle
- HH Half Hitch - A single loop over the carrier — half of a D
- WK Wrapped Knot - Lay a loop along the bundle, wrap firmly dow
- GK Gathering Knot - A wrapped knot used to cinch a group of cord
- OK Overhand Knot - Simple single loop-through knot; secures bea

BUILD ORDER

1. Hanger + mount all cords on the driftwood (groups A, B, C)
2. Head: thread wooden bead, wrap hair, tie the braided headband
3. Arms + mount the heart charm at the chest
4. Bodice: square knot panel with picot edges
5. Wings: DHH rib carriers, bead columns, fringe fill (left, then mirror right)
6. Leaf tassels: three DDHH leaves hung below each wing
7. Skirt: chevron DDHH overlay over the D-group fringe
8. Finishing: brush wing + skirt fringe, trim to shape, seal ends

TOP 5 MISTAKES TO AVOID

- Trimming wing fringe before brushing - brush first, trim last
- Uneven DHH tension: every rib loop must touch the last
- Skipping cord tags - 80 cords, tag every group
- Pinning right-wing carriers to a different arc than the left
- Over-brushing single-twist cord into frizz - stop at 3 passes