

Highland Thistle Pendant — Quick Reference

A Javows House pattern · Advanced · 6–9 hrs (2–3 sessions) · finished 2.6" / 6.5 cm + clasp



Inspiration (redrawn reference)



Finished pattern

Materials at a glance

0.8 mm waxed polyester — olive 26 m, purple 5 m
60 mm metal ring · lobster-clasp pull hardware
Micro scissors, thread zap, T-pins + board,
tapestry needle, jewelry glue, flat-nose pliers

Cord cutting quick-ref

A Ring wrap	1	3.5 m
B Crown (purple)	8	60 cm
C Lattice cup	6	70 cm
D Left spray	10	90 cm
E Right spray	8	90 cm
F Stem	2	100 cm

Cut everything 3–4" longer than listed.

Knot abbreviations

LHK — Lark's head: fold, loop over, pull through
HH — Half hitch: one loop around holder
DHH — Double half hitch: two loops, makes a ridge
DCH — Diagonal clove hitch: DHH on angled holder
VDHH — Vertical DHH: hitches across vertical cords
WK — Wrapping knot: coil a bundle, tuck the tail
OK — Overhand knot: loop-and-through to secure

Build order

- 1 Wrap ring (A), form hanging loop
- 2 Mount B at top arc, F at 6:00
- 3 Wrap stem (F), curve up-left
- 4 Crown: VDHH ridges, taper & splay
- 5 Lattice cup (C×B), HH each crossing
- 6 DHH calyx band closes the cup
- 7 Left spray: 5 lobed fronds (D)
- 8 Right spray: 4 upright fronds (E)
- 9 Tack tips, trim, seal, add clasp

Top 5 mistakes to avoid

1. Loose ring wrap — pack coils every 15–20 turns, or every later tack-off will slide.
2. Skipping pins — pin each frond's holding cord in its final curve BEFORE knotting, not after.
3. Uneven crown ridges — same hitch count and the same 'click' of tension on every VDHH.
4. Tiny picots — lobe turns need a full 3 mm loop or the leaves cup and curl.
5. Over-melting ends — half-second zap, press flat; shiny blobs read as mistakes on a piece this small.