



## HOW TO MAKE TWISTED CORD

Twisted cord adds a nice touch to your work. Bows made of twisted cord do not ravel out like plain yarn bows. Twisted cord has more body and shape.

### To make the cord:

Cut a length of yarn a little more than twice the length of the finished size desired. You hold one end and have someone else hold the other end. If you have no one else to help you, make a slipknot in one end of the yarn and loop it around a small knob or hook. (I loop it around my crochet hook and hold it between my knees). Hold the yarn taut and each person should twist the yarn in a clockwise direction until the yarn starts to kink. Now grasp the middle of the strand with your **left** hand and hold taut. Bring the two loose ends together and hold in your **right** hand. **Do not let go of the ends.** Let go of the middle of the yarn in your **left** hand and it will twist. Smooth out the yarn. Tie a knot in the loose end to keep it from unraveling.

If you wish to make a thicker cord, place several strands of yarn side by side and tie together at each end. Treat as a single strand.

If you wish to make a two-color cord, cut one length of each color a little longer than the finished size of cord. Tie the two pieces together at one end only and treat the entire piece as a single strand of yarn. The middle will be where the strands are tied together.

## HOW TO MAKE FORK FLOWERS

These little flowers come in handy to decorate small items or when you need a pom-pom to match your yarn. Years ago my children spent many a creative hour making colorful fork-flower necklaces.

You will need a fork with **four** tines or prongs. You can use a metal or plastic fork. When using a plastic fork, do not pull the yarn too tightly as this will bend the tines of the fork resulting in a smaller flower.

### To make the flowers:

Cut a 7-inch piece of yarn and place between the center two prongs of the fork. Hold with left thumb and index finger. This is the tying strand.

Using yarn directly from the skein slip the end of the yarn under your thumb to hold for the first few rows. Bring yarn up through center prong then weave back and forth over and under the prongs. Continue to weave pushing yarn down tightly until the entire fork is filled. Holding the weaving in place with your left hand cut the yarn.

Have someone bring both ends of the tying strand up to the top of fork and tie a knot. Now slip the yarn off of the fork while the knot tight is pulled tighter. With a little practice you may be able to do this by yourself. Tie a second knot to hold. I have found that by dampening the tying strand, it will hold the first knot more securely until the second knot is tied.

Fluff up the result and you have a small flower. Clip the loops and trim for a pom-pom. To make a two-toned flower or pom-pom use two strands of contrasting yarn together when weaving.