Basic Technique

No Fuss Tassels

DIY tassels made fast, easy and inexpensive. Our super simple method is fun to do. Finished tassels are the perfect frill for embellishing hand-made pillows, blankets or drapery ties.

What's Needed:

Yarn- (Yardage will be determined by tassel size)

Tassel Maker- (cardboard cut to size, *see below*)

Ruler

Marker or Pencil

Tassel Makers:
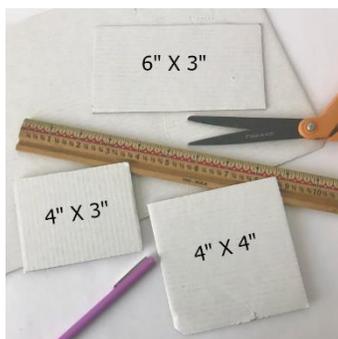

limited size (approx. 3")

At Blu Arlan we take a "no fuss", inexpensive approach to tassel making by using our hand or piece of cardboard as the tassel maker.

We encourage you to try our method below then tweak it a bit to make it your own!

Cord

Body

Ruff

Skirt

Sample tassel is made using The Original Sugar'n Cream 100% cotton yarn (2.5oz/70.9g) in Rose Chaud by Lily.

How To Make A Cardboard Tassel Maker
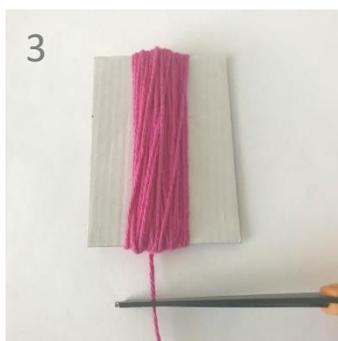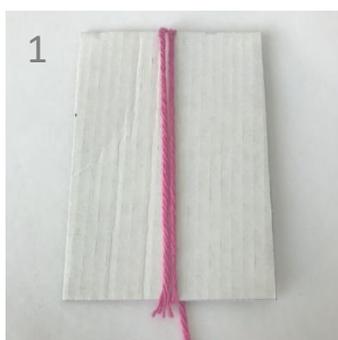

6" X 3"
4" X 3"
4" X 4"

1-Determine tassel length. Cut a piece of cardboard to match desired length. Brown or white cardboard, foam cord board or thin plastic can be used to create a tassel maker.
Note:

- *Cutting cardboard two different measurements (6" x 3") allows two sizes of tassels to be created from one maker.*
- *Any yarn can be used. Adjust tassel maker width to accommodate heaver yarn weights.*

How To Make A Tassel:

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1-Place yarn on tassel maker. Wrap yarn around the tassel maker once.
Note: *One complete wrap around maker = one wrap per Blu Arlan instructions.*

2- Wrap yarn 50 times around maker.
Note- Keep yarn in an orderly fashion while wrapping. This will create a neat tassel head. Do not pull yarn taunt while wrapping.
 The number of wraps = tassel thickness.

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3- Cut yarn from skein.

4- Slide wrapped yarn bundle off maker.

5   Top

Bottom
Yarn end

6

5- Hold yarn bundle by the top.

6- Cut yarn bundle open by placing scissors between the inside and outside of the bundles bottom. Pull scissors tightly against the fold, keep side lengths even.

7   X

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7- Bundle should look like this. Wrap an 8" piece of yarn around the center of the bundle (X). Keep sides equal in length.

8- Wrap the 8" piece around the center twice.

9- Pull the ends taunt to tighten the wrap. Tie a double knot to secure.

10- To hide the holding knot, wrap each end of yarn around the bundle (opposite side from the original knot).

11- Again pull taunt and tie in a double knot.

12- This will become the top of the tassel and yarn ends the tassel cord. Straighten yarn so it creates an orderly head.

13- To create the tassel's body and ruff, double wrap a piece of yarn around the top of the yarn bundle (approx. ¾" to 1" from top cord). *Length of yarn will be determined by the length of the tassel as wrapped ends will become part of the tassel's skirt.*

14- Pull yarn taunt, secure with a double knot.

15- Pull the skirt ends together to reveal longer ends. Cut skirt bottom even.

16- Tassels can be used as is or embellished with a fancy ruff cover and or beads.

100% cotton tassels work well for home décor items.

Try dying white cotton yarn to create unique colors (Tulip One-Step Dyes).

Separating the yarn of the tassel skirt will create a fluffier tassel.