

# Bonny Bobble

## with two strand i-cord

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A vintage-inspired bobble tie, perfect for adding a bit of charm and whimsy to your project or wearing on its own.

Good for drawstring use on bags, the neck of sweaters and hoods, or for use as hair ties.

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### Finished measurements:

Length: 18 inches (46 cm)

Bobble size:  $\frac{3}{4}$ " inch (1.9 cm)

### Yarn:

Any Sport or DK weight yarn; 5 g or 5 yards (4.5 m)

### Needles:

Set of double-pointed needles in US 3 (3.25 mm)

### Notions:

Scissors, tapestry needle, measuring tape



## Making the I-Cord:

Watch a video of this technique [HERE](#).

Take a length of string approximately 3 yards (274 cm) long and cut it.

Lay it alongside the working yarn and make a loose overhand knot leaving a 30 inch (76 cm) tail. This tail will be used later to make a bobble.

Leave the 30 inch (76 cm) tail on the bottom, and work with the yarn above the knot to make the i-cord, as follows:

Make a loop over your right pointer finger by crossing one of the strands over itself once.

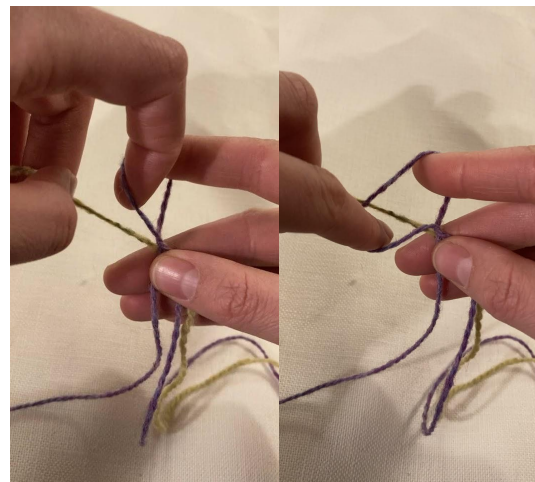


With that same hand, pinch the knot and the close of the loop with your thumb and middle finger (purple yarn).

With the left hand, pinch the strand with your thumb and middle finger (green yarn).



Using your left hand, use the pointer finger to reach into the loop held on the right pointer.

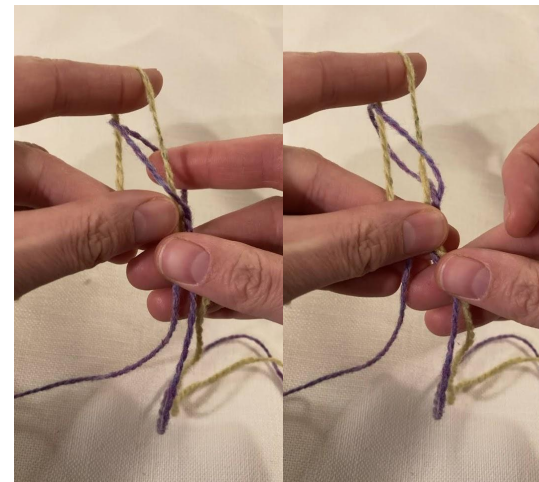


Scoop out the other strand using the back of the left pointer finger.

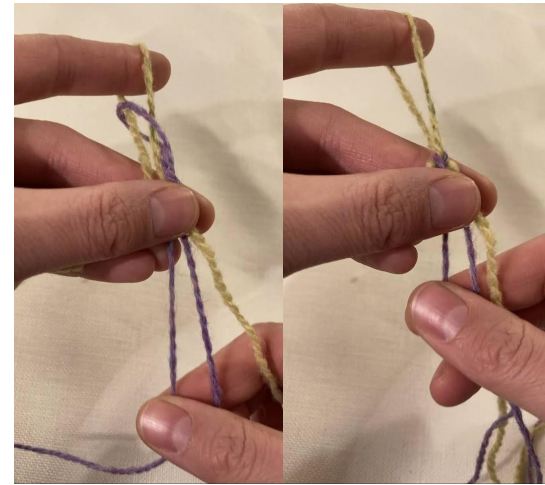


Shift the work to the left hand, keeping the loop (green) on the left pointer finger.

Pinch the knot with the left thumb and middle finger.



After shifting the work to the left hand, use the right hand to tighten down the loop not currently on the finger (purple).



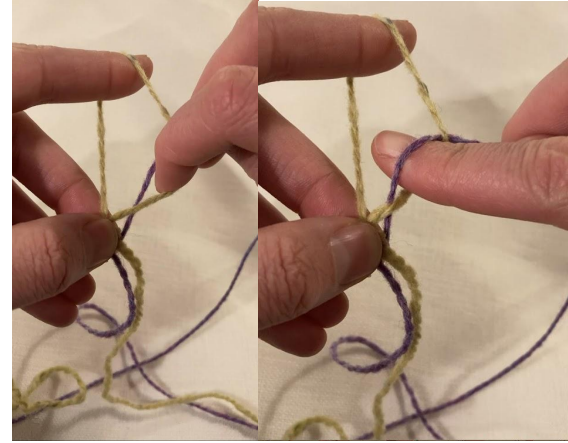
Tighten this loop until gently snug but not super tight.

Repeat the technique:

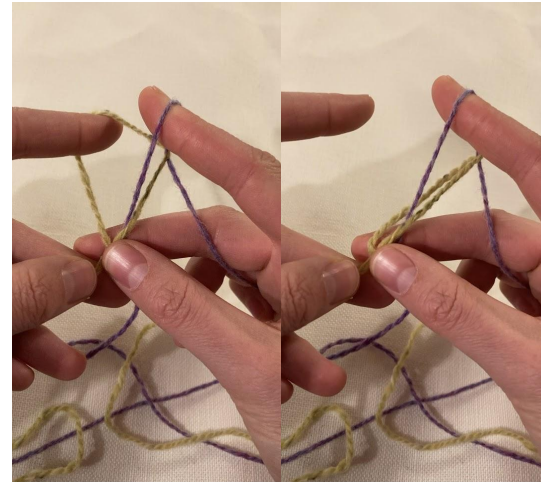




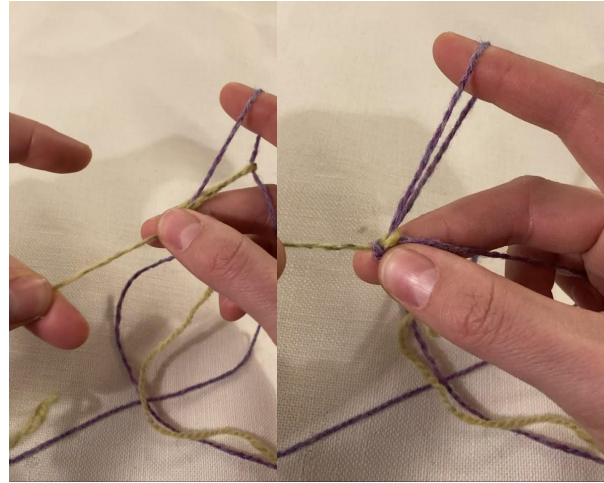
With the right pointer finger, scoop the non-looped yarn (purple) through the loop, using the back of the pointer finger.



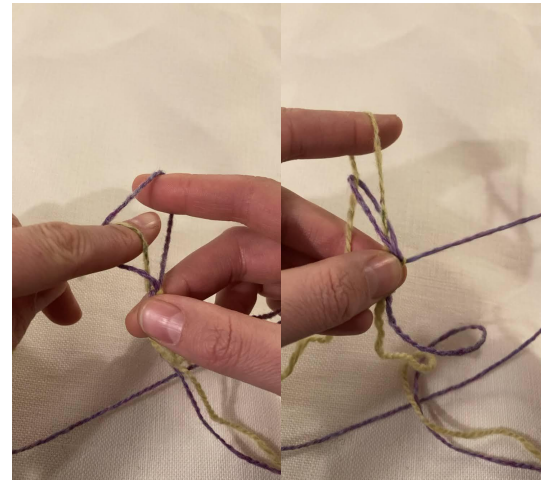
Shift the work to the right hand, pinching with the thumb and middle finger.



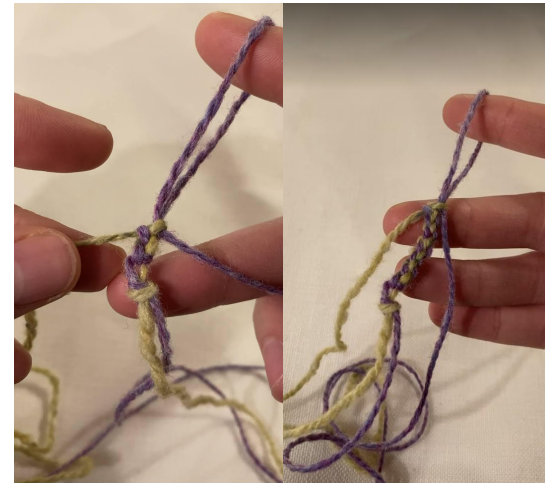
Tighten down the loose loop (green)  
until gently snug.



Repeat these steps.



This is what it will look like as you build up some length to the cord.



Work until there are 10 inches (25 cm) left on the strand of yarn that is not connected to the ball. You will use that to sew on the bobble more securely at the end.

To finish, simply pull a loop all the way through so that it is no longer a loop, and tighten it down. Voila! You have a nice i-cord now.





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### Making the Bobbles:

From the end of the i-cord, Cast on 6 stitches by looping the yarn connected to the ball over the needle as shown.

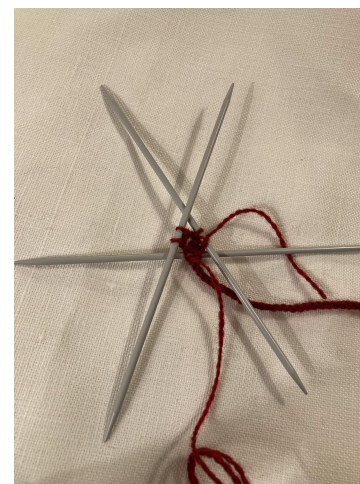
Continue looping around the needle to get a total of 6 stitches.





Divide over 3 needles (2 per needle).  
There may be some extra yarn between  
stitches as you knit but don't worry  
about that.

Join into a circle by knitting one row.



On every other stitch, increase one,  
using your preferred method (9 stitches  
remain when finished with the row).

Knit one row.



On every other stitch, increase one (14  
stitches remain).



Repeat (knit two together, knit one) all the way around (9 sts remain).

Knit one row.



Knit two together all around, knit one (5 stitches remain).



Break yarn, leaving a 10 inch tail, pass the tail through the remaining stitches using the tapestry needle. Leave the stitches open and stuff the bobble, using extra yarn. It can be helpful to use a knitting needle to poke the yarn into the bobble opening.

Pull tail tight and finish the ends by sewing through some knit stitches a few times and cutting the end flush with the bobble. You do not need to tie a knot.





With the tail from the i-cord stitch the bobble to the i-cord securely using the tapestry needle.

For the other side untie the loose overhand knot and repeat the bobble instructions.

Enjoy!

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