

# Crocheted Lei

## YOU WILL NEED:

**A Base Yarn:** Any strong, smooth yarn or string that is not lumpy or bumpy. Decorative yarns must be able to slide on this base yarn and it should be 10 inches longer than the desired finished length, to give you room to work.

**Decorative Yarns:** Choose at least two different yarns. Any combination will do as long as you like the colors and textures.

**Hint:** Approximately 5 yards of bulky yarn equals 6 inches of your lei. About 17 yards of one bulky yarn will make a lei that is about 20 inches long.

**Tools:** Size J crochet hook, scissors

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Tie decorative yarn to base string and make a slipknot loop. Insert crochet hook into the loop and chain 4, then attach to the base string with a slip stitch. The decorative yarn must be free of the base string and able to slide along it. Continue by chaining 5 and slip stitching on the base for the remainder of the base string.
2. If adding a second decorative yarn, tie it to the base, chain 4 and slip stitch to the base after the first yarn's first slip stitch on the base. Chain 5 and slip stitch to the base after the first yarn's second slip stitch to the base. Continue until finished. A third decorative yarn can be added in the same way after the second decorative yarn. Do not scrunch the first yarn too tightly if using additional yarns.
3. When you've used up your working room, hold base string and slide decorative yarn back to the beginning. Continue to chain, slip stitch and scrunch until lei is your desired length.

Scrunch everything together and tie the decorative yarn to the base string. Finish with buttons, ribbons, or by tying both ends of lei together and cut off extra base string. Enjoy!

## How Long Should I Make My Lei?

- The finished length will depend on how you want to use your lei!

### Here are a few suggestions::

- A wristlet or anklet – 7 to 10 inches long
- A necklace or choker – 18 to 30 inches in length
- A garland – 20 to 23 inches in length
- A belt or sash – as long as you like!
- A scrunchie – 3 to 4 inches in length



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