

DOODAD TASSELS

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What's a doodad tassel ? A tassel made from odds and ends.

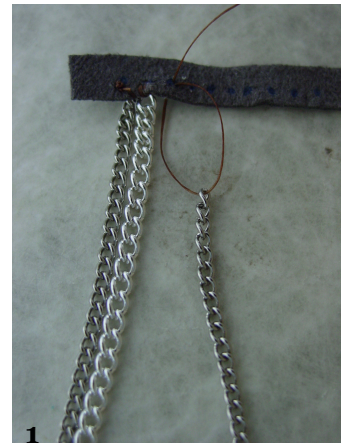
What do you need ?

- Doodads from your stash, chain, crystal chain, leather, fabric, ribbon, thread.
- End caps, size 4mm for earrings or small tassel, or up to 10mm for a larger tassel.
- Needle and thread, size 15 beads or your favorites, scissors.
- Smile and imagination.

Doodads Tassels

Small tassel using 4mm end cap and chain

1. Cut a piece of Ultra suede 1 1/2" long x 1/8" wide.
2. Using a fine tip markers mark 10 dots along the bottom.
3. Cut the chain into 10 pieces of varying lengths.
4. Thread a needle with 1 ft. of thread, and tie an overhand knot at the end. Sew up through the dot at one end of the Ultra suede strip. Pick up the end link of a piece of chain, and sew through the dot again. Sew up through the next dot, and then repeat with another piece of chain (**photo 1**). Repeat until you have attached all 10 pieces of chain to the strip of Ultra suede (**photo 2**). Secure the thread with an overhand knot.
5. Roll the Ultra suede like a cinnamon roll, and insert it into the cord end to make sure it fits. If needed, unroll the strip and trim the top edge.
6. Spread some Super Tacky Glue on one edge of the strip, and roll it up again as snug as possible. Use the attached thread to sew the end of the strip in place. Sew all the way through the rolled strip to secure it in place.
7. Use Tacky glue to glue the rolled up tassel in the end cap.



Larger tassel using 10mm end cap and doodads

1. Cut 2 pieces of Ultra suede 2" long x 3/8" wide.
2. Using a fine tip marker, mark 13 dots evenly spaced along one of the pieces of suede.
3. Layout 13 strands of whatever you want to use in shortest to longest.
4. Thread a needle with 2 ft. of thread, and tie an overhand knot at the end. Sew up through the dot at one end of the Ultra suede strip.
5. Add 8 size 15 beads or your choice of bead. Attach your shortest doodad, and bring the needle back up through the first two beads. Sew back up through the dot again. Sew up through the next dot.
6. Repeat step 5, but add an additional bead each strand, to slowly make the doodads hang longer each row (**photo 3**).
7. If your doodads are not bulky in nature you may not even need the beads. The beads are there so that if you do have heavier doodads they won't become too thick and not fit into your end cap properly.
8. Once your row is finished, knot (**photo 4**). Glue the second piece of Ultra suede on top.
9. Repeat steps 5 - 7 as in small tassel.



