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# INTRODUCTION

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Macramé is a way of creating textiles that uses knots rather than weaving or knitting techniques. Macramé has often been used by sailors to decorate objects or their ships and is also used to make jewelry, bags, mats, plant hooks and wall hangings. Sometimes leather and suede are used to make macramé belts, and macramé is used to create friendship bracelets made by many children.

There is a wide range of knots and knot combinations used in macramé including a square knot, a half knot, a half knot, a lark head knot and a coil knot. Depending on the knots used and whether they are used alone or in combination with others, many different designs can be achieved.

There is a wide range of colors, textures and types of cords available for use in macramé, some natural and some synthetic. In fact, almost anything you can tie knots in will be appropriate and materials can be found in a number of locations, such as: craft, hardware, DIY, needlework and sewing shops. In some cases, the material used will be dictated by what is being created, but in others, it may be possible to experiment with your own choices, and although there are strings that are commonly used in some projects, this does not mean that others will not work just as well.

Some examples of cords that can be used in macramé include:

- Rayon
- Nylon
- Silk
- Waxed
- cotton
- Hemp Plastic
- Polypropylene
- Leather
- Suede
- Wool
- Embroidery thread

- Crochet thread

When choosing which material to use for a project, it is important to think about what the finished item is and how it will be used as some will be more practical or appropriate than others. Often rigid, thick cords are not the best choice for jewelry making, but they could be ideal for a shopping bag that needs to carry some weight and not fry or wear easily. If several types of cords are suitable for a project, they may result in quite different finished objects. The design of a bracelet made of fine cotton cord will be softer, lighter and more discreet than the same piece made of a thicker leather cord, for example. Another thing to consider in relation to the thickness of the ropes is how easy they will be to use. Thicker cords may be easier, but some types of knots are difficult to keep in place when they are thick. Thin cords can be faithful and slow to work with, but the results can be stunning and very detailed.

Beads are often added to the embellishment of macramé products. Again, the ones you chose will need to be suitable for the cord being used and to fit the function of the finished piece. Wooden beads are a common choice, but there is no reason why any other type with a hole large enough to accommodate ropes should not be used. Other items, such as buttons, sequins and charms, may also be used.

Findings of many types of items or other items may be needed to complete the design and make it possible for them to be used. Examples of items you may use are ear wires, clasps, buckles, snap hooks, split rings, bamboo rings, and buttons.

## **Terms Used In Macramé**

Like most macramé crafts and hobbies, there are terms, abbreviations and methods used in patterns and other instructions.

Abbreviations-Some abbreviations commonly used are knot names. This makes it easier and shorter to read the instructions, and also less repetitive to write and read. Usually, the first time a knot is used, the full name will be written with an abbreviation in brackets. From then on, every time the knot is used, only the abbreviation is written.

Some patterns and books also include a key to the abbreviations that you can refer to at any time.

Fibers-Different writers and projects will use different words to describe knotting material, such as threads, ropes, ropes or strands. Again, this is to prevent the writing and reading of the project from becoming very repetitive, but it all means the same thing: the length of the fiber you're using.

Active and inactive-You can find the terms active and inactive string used when following macramé projects. Active cord refers to the cords that are used to tie the knots, and the inactive ones are not. Whether or not a string is active while creating a design.

Regrouping-Groups of two, three or four strings are used in many macramé projects. Regrouping is a term used to describe the process of joining cords from two adjacent groups. For example, if two groups of two cords are used, the middle two cords will be joined.

Alternating-Alternating is a process of tying a number of rows of knots that are alternately spaced in the design. Alternating can be used to join many groups of strings while still leaving gaps and spacing between knots instead of creating one solid piece of fabric.

Anchoring-Macramé knots are much easier to tie, especially at the beginning of the piece, if they are taut. You can do this by mounting the threads in some way. A slip knot is often used to attach threads to a solid surface as it is an easy knot to disconnect once the project has been completed. Another method is to use pins to secure the strings on the knotting board.

Sennit-Sennit is a length of two or more knots of a single type. For example, if a pattern says you should tie a sennit of five square knots, it means you should tie five square knots one after the other. Sennit is sometimes spelt as a sinnet, too.

## **Knotting boards**

Macramé knotting boards can be bought or made in a number of ways. A simple board can be made using a normal clipboard; the

strings are secured under a large clip. Another way to make a simple board is to use a cork notice board and pins. Thick cork tiles could also be used the same way. Some commercially available boards are marked with measurements that are a useful feature. If you decide to make your own board, you can easily add it using a ruler and a permanent marker. Using a macramé board creates a place for anchoring your cords while working and also makes storing and transporting projects easier. The board can be slipped into a bag and transported easily.

## **Managing cord lengths**

Macramé projects often involve the use of many long cord lengths, which can be knotted and entangled in each other during operation. To avoid this, ropes can be bundled up or wound around themselves and loosely knotted to create a manageable length. As you work through the project, you can untied the knot and release more strings before you retied it. The ropes can also be secured using rubber bands rather than knots.

Another way to make long cord lengths more manageable is to use small spools known as bobbins. They can easily be bought online by the names ' macramé bobbin' or ' Kumihimo bobbins.' The cords are wrapped around them and secured, leaving a length to work with. As this length is used, more cord can easily be released from the coil.

# WALL HANGING MACRAMÉ

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This pattern is an easy one for beginners, and it looks awesome, right? It's a shame to let all my verb conjugations go to waste, so I'm sharing the instructions with you! (This post contains affiliate product links for your convenience. See full disclosure here.)

What are you waiting for? To get started, you'll need the following supplies:

- One dowel rod (the one I used is  $7/8$  " circumference and 28 " long)
- Two ceramic drawer knobs to use as finials
- Five 100-foot rolls of cotton clothesline ( $3/16$  " ) (found the best price here.)
- Masking or painter's tape
- Scissors

## **step 1 – Lark's Head Knot**

Cut rope into 28 pieces, each 16 feet long. Tie the cords onto the pole, as shown in the photo below. (I never knew until recently that this knot has an actual name – the Lark's Head Knot.)



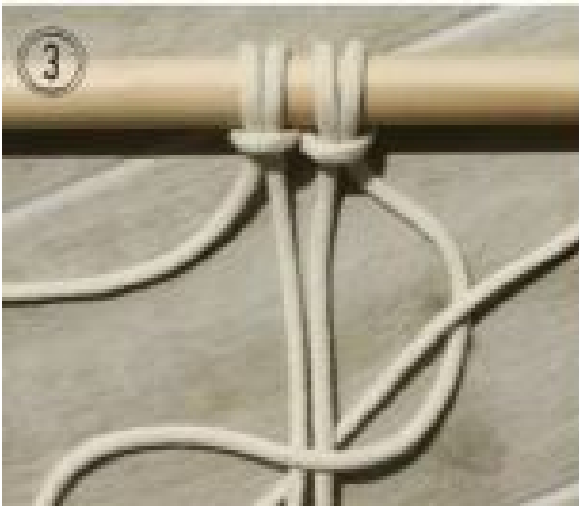
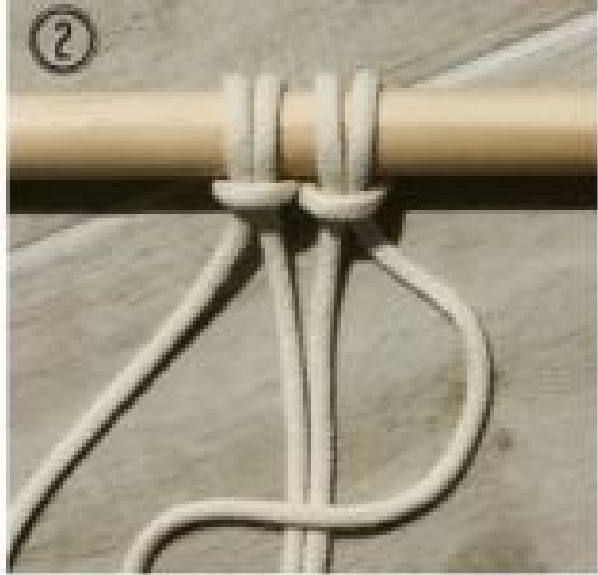
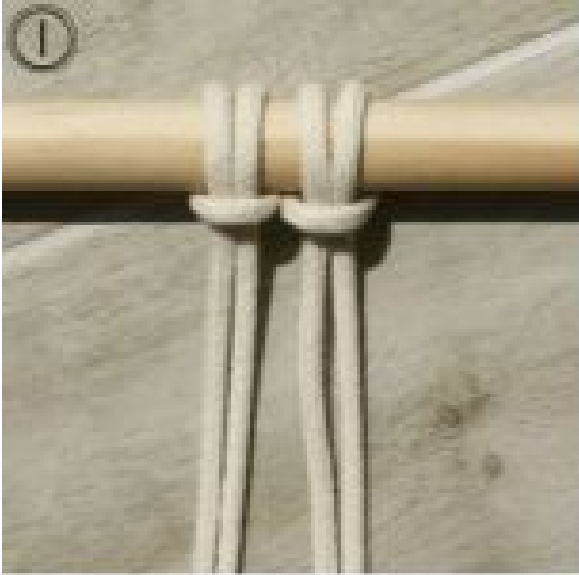
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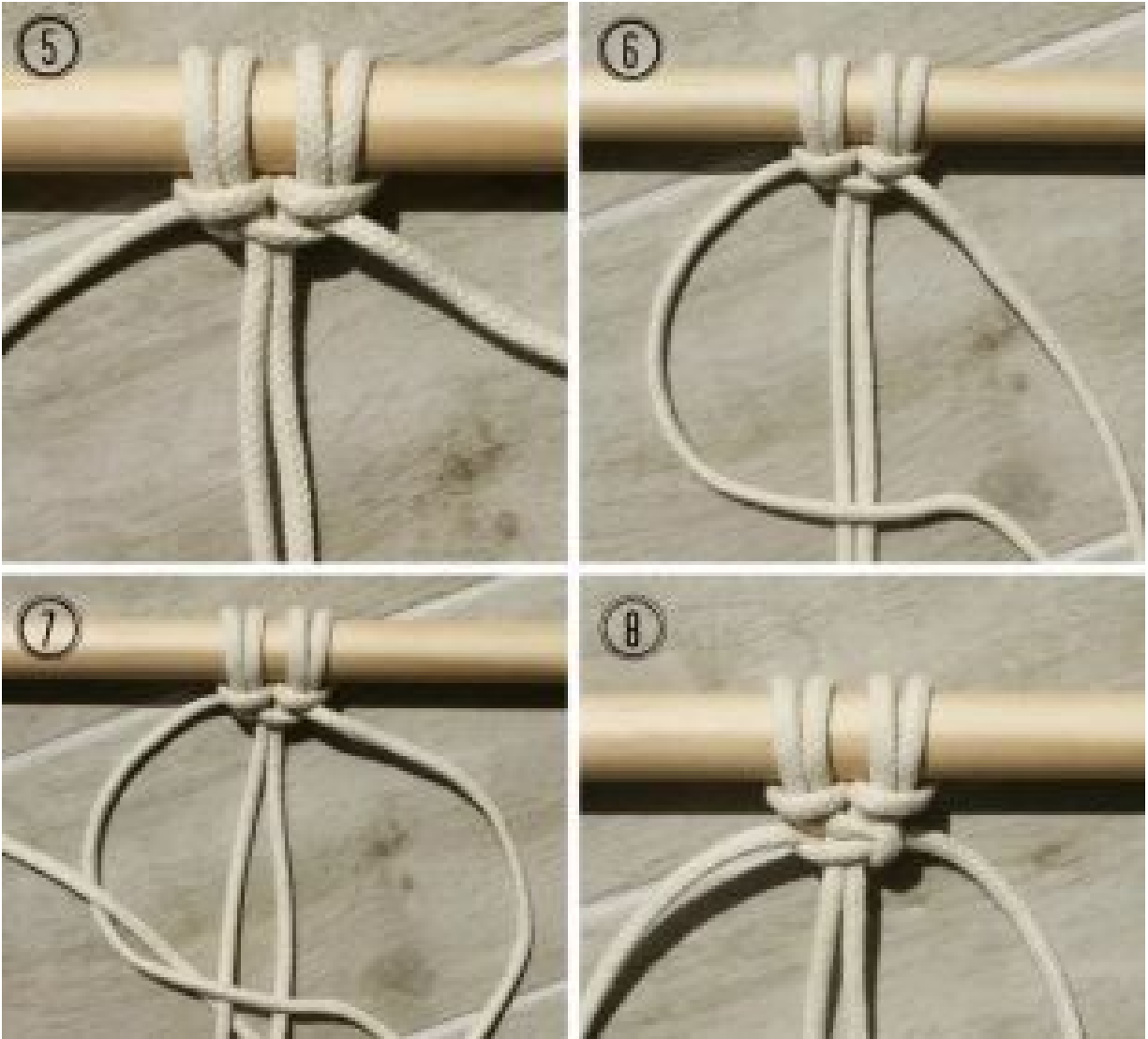
## **step 2 – Square Knot**

The Square Knot is the most basic of all macramé knots, and it is the only one you'll need to know in making this wall-hanging. Practice a few times until you get the hang of it.

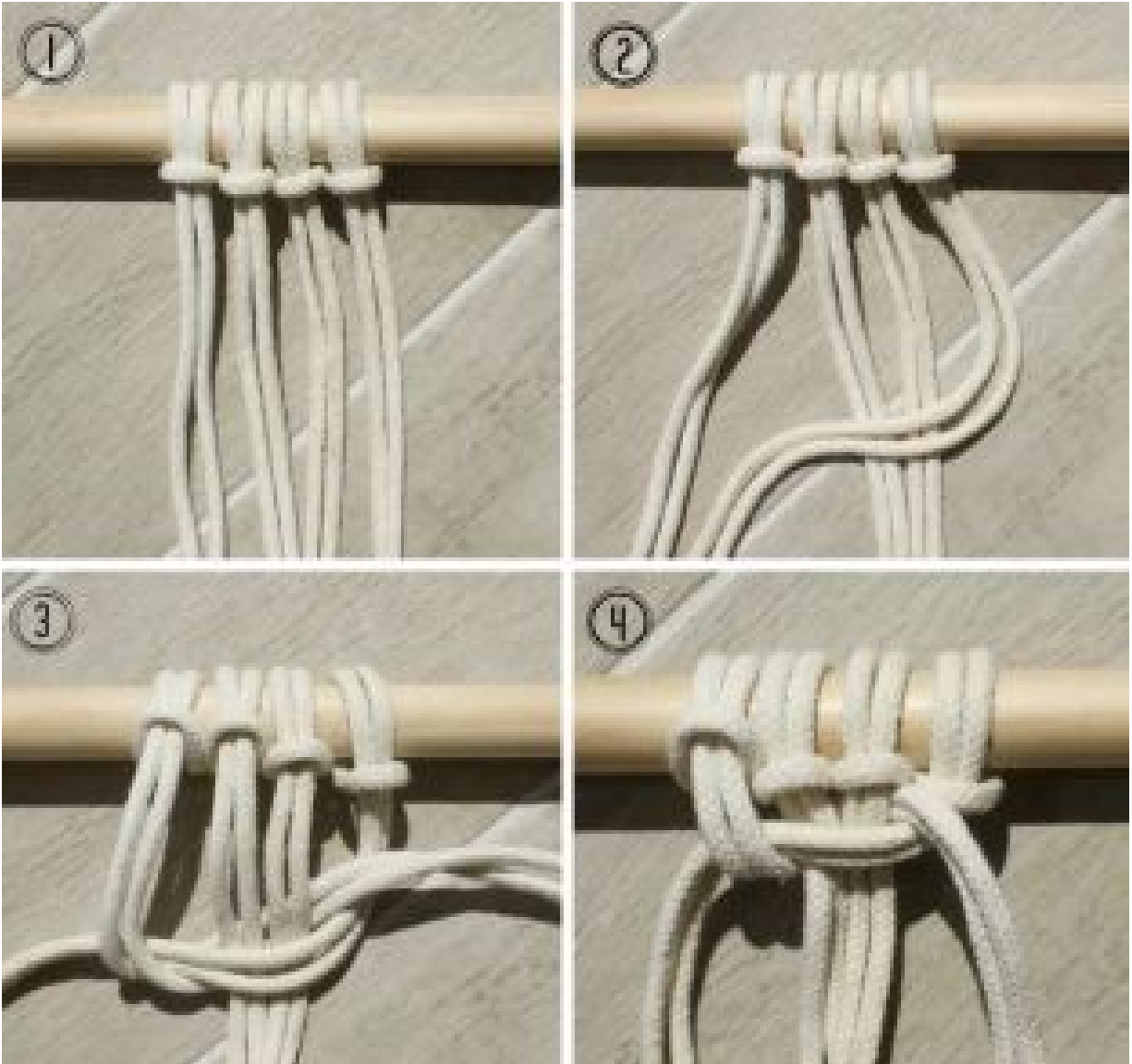
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1. Always work with four strands of rope.
2. Place the outer rope on the right across the two center ropes. (Always start on the right side.)
3. Run the outer rope on the left over the outer rope, then under the center ropes, and up through the opening.
4. Gently tighten the knot with the outer strands.
5. Make sure the knot is taunt, but be careful not to pull it too hard.



1. Work with 8 rows of rope instead of 4.
2. Place the 2 outer ropes across the 4 center ropes. (Always start on the right side.)
3. Run the 2 outer ropes left over the outer ropes right, then under the
- 4 center ropes and up through the opening.
5. Gently tighten the knot with the outer strands.

**step 3 – macrame pattern**

Now that you've got 28 Lark's Head Knots tied to your pole, and you've mastered the Square Knot, it's time to start weaving the wall. The project consists of a total of 25 rows.

1. Start with 1st cord: 14K
2. Start with 3rd cord: 13K
3. Start with 1st cord: 3K – S4 – 6K – S4 – 3K
4. *Start with 3rd cord:* 2K – S8 – 5K – S8 – 2K
5. *Start with 1st cord:* 2K – S2 – 1DN – S2 – 4K – S2 – 1DN – S2 – 2K
6. *Start with 3rd cord:* 2K – S8 – 2K – S4 – 2K – S8 – 2K
7. *Start with 5th cord:* 2K – S4 – 2K – S8 – 2K – S4 – 2K
8. Start with 7th cord: 4K – S12 – 4K
9. Start with 9th cord: 3K – S16 – 3K
10. Start with 11th cord: 2K – S20 – 2K
11. Start with 13th cord: 1K – S10 – 1K – S10 – 1K
12. Start with 11th cord: 2K – S20 – 2K
13. Start with 9th cord: 3K – S16 – 3K
14. Start with 7th cord: 4K – S12 – 4K
15. *Start with 5th cord:* 2K – S4 – 2K – S8 – 2K – S4 – 2K
16. *Start with 3rd cord:* 2K – S8 – 2K – S4 – 2K – S8 – 2K
17. *Start with 1st cord:* 2K – S12 – 4K – S12 – 2K
18. *Start with 3rd cord:* 2K – S8 – 5K – S8 – 2K
19. *Start with 1st cord:* 3K – S4 – 6K – S4 – 3K
20. Start with 3rd cord: 13K
21. Start with 1st cord: 14K
22. (Begin this row about 5 inches lower than the last row.) *Start with 1st cord:* 14K
23. Start with 3rd cord: 13K
24. (Begin this row about 5 inches lower than the last row.) *Start with 9th cord:* 1K – S8 – 1K – S8 – 1K – S8 – 1K
25. (Begin this row about 4 inches lower than the last row.) *Start with 3rd cord:* 1K – S8 – 1K – S8 – 1K – S8 – 1K – S8 – 1K

### **step 4 – trimming the bottom**

Place the wall-hanging on a flat surface (I used the floor) and straighten all the ropes. With careful measurement, place the tape across the strings of the cord to form a "V." This is your guide for cutting. (And yes, it feels like you're giving Cousin It a haircut.)



### **step 5 – finishing touches**

For an extra Bohemian touch, I used ceramic drawer pulls as finials, screwing them into the ends of the pole.



extra tips & explanations

When skipping space between rows, use tape as a guide and a level to make sure they are even.





Once you are finished, grab a glass of cold iced tea, kick your feet up, and admire your handiwork!

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# MACRAME POT PLANTER MAKING

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I have a friend who is, without a doubt, the best stepmom in the world. She keeps her children involved in wholesome activities all summer and lovingly encourages them to enter their accomplishments in local contests and fairs. Well, she roped me and my budding macrame skills into the county fair hoopla, too (pun intended).



To please my friend, I acquiesced; but in the process, I really started getting into the challenge. That's what's so great about art, right? The creative process always unleashes your inner child. For the macrame planter category, I've come up with this 3-pot planter, 24 inches wide but just small enough to hang on a door.

I call this planter Indigo Fair. It may look complicated, but all you really need to know are 3 basic knots – Square Knot, Half Hitch Knot, and the Wrapped Knot.

## **Supplies needed:**

- 18 pieces of 5 mm cotton rope, each measuring 10 feet
- one wooden dowel, 24 " long and 3/4 " diameter
- three 15-oz tin food cans, painted

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## **step 1**

First, I painted the ends of the pole copper. An easy trick is to tape a piece of paper over the pole, leaving only the end exposed. Then place it in a cardboard box to spray paint it.



## **step 2**

Cut 18 pieces of 5 mm rope, each measuring 10 feet long. I've been yearning to make a project with colored cord and fell in love with this indigo shade from Modern Macrame. It's 100 percent cotton and frays easily for a playful fringe.

Tie 18 Lark's Head Knots onto the pole.



### **step 3**

About 1.5 " down from the Lark's Head Knots, start with the first individual cord on the left and make a row of 9 Square Knots.



**step 4**

About 1.5 " down from the last row of knots, starting with the 3rd individual cord on the left, make a second row of 8 Alternating Square Knots.



### **step 5**

Again, about 1.5 " down from the last row, starting with the 1st individual cord on the left, make a row of 9 Square Knots. You now have a total of 3 rows of knots.



## **step 6 – left section**

Now you need to start thinking of this planter as 3 individual projects, working with one section of 12 individual cords at a time.

Starting with the first 6 cords on the left, weaving left to right, begin making Half Hitch Knots, angling downward. Then, starting with the 12th individual cord from the left, weaving right to left, begin making Half Hitch Knots, also angling downward toward the center (of this section).



## **step 7**

Make a second row of Half Hitch Knots just like the ones above.



### **step 8**

Make a chunky center knot with the 4 middle cords in this section. (I'm not sure if there is a proper name for this type of knot, but watch this video to see how I did it.)





### **step 9**

Now, beginning on the inside and working outwards, make 4 more rows (2 rows for each side as shown) of Half Hitch Knots.



**step 10**

About 2 " down, starting with the 3rd individual cord on the left, make a row of 2 Square Knots.

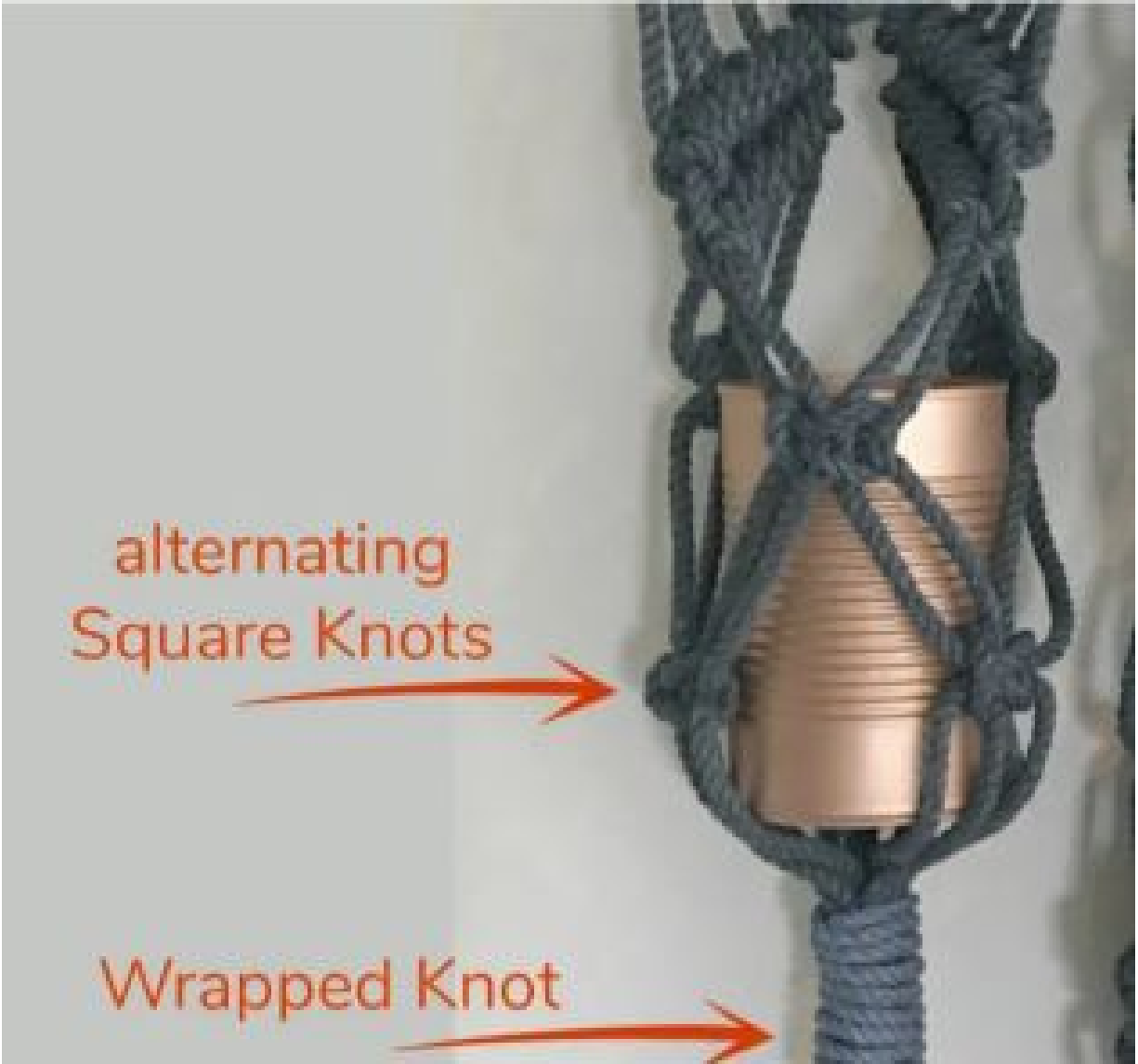


Using the 4 loose cords (2 on each end), tie a third Square Knot. This will begin to make the “pocket” for the flower pot.



### **step 11**

About 2 " down from the last row, make another row of 3 Alternating Square Knots. Then about 2.5 " lower finish it off with a Wrapped Knot. Untwist the cords to create fringe.



### **step 12 – before starting next section**

Now that you have finished the left section, look at the remaining 24 individual cords. About 1.5 " from the last (3rd) row of knots, starting with the 3rd individual cord on the left, make a row of 5 Alternating Square Knots.

Again, about 1.5 " down, starting with the 1st individual cord on the left, make another row of 6 Alternating Square Knots.

### **step 13 – middle section**

Now focus only on the middle section, which consists of 12 individual cords. Directly underneath the middle Square Knot, begin weaving the Half Hitch Knot. Start with the 6th cord from the left and weave Half Hitch Knots from right to left, angling down toward the left.

Then with the 7th cord, weave Half Hitch Knots from left to right, angling down toward the right.



### **step 14**

About 1.5 " down from the center top of the arch, make a Square Knot with the center 4 cords.

Then, starting with the far left cord, weave Half Hitch Knots from left to right, angling downward towards the center. (Use only the first 6

cords.)

Next, starting with the far right cord, weave Half Hitch Knots from right to left, angling downward towards the center.



### **step 15**

About 2 " down from the bottom of the "V" make a row of 2 Square Knots, starting with the 3rd individual cord from the left. Using the 4 loose cords (2 on each end), tie a third Square Knot. This will begin to make the "pocket" for the flower pot. (This is the same as step 10.)

## **step 16**

Then about 1.5 " down, make a row of 3 Alternating Square Knots.

Again, about 1 – 1.5 " down, make another row of 3 Alternating Square Knots.

## **step 17**

About 2.5 " lower than the last row of knots, finish it off with a Wrapped Knot. Untwist the cords to create fringe.

## **step 18**

You now have one section left (12 individual cords). About 1.5 " inches down from the last row of knots, beginning with the 3rd cord from the left, make a row of 2 Square Knots. About 1.5 " inches down from this row, make a row of 3 Alternating Square Knots.



## **step 19**



Starting with the cord on the far right, directly underneath the last row of knots, tie Half Hitch Knots from right to left, angling down. Next, tie another row of Half Hitch Knots from left to right, angling down as shown.



## **step 20**

About 1 " down from the last row of Half Hitch Knots, beginning with the cord on the far left, make a row of 3 Square Knots.

Again, about 1 " down, make another row of 3 Alternating Square Knots (with the front knot creating the pocket.)

Finish with a Wrapped Knot.



### **final touches**

Now that the wall-hanging is finished, fill the pockets with containers. I used copper painted tin cans to complement the copper ends of my pole. Then fill the cans with flowers (faux succulents would work well, too) and enjoy!

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# MACRAME HEART WALL HANGING

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I've been known to wear my heart on my sleeve, but this Valentine's Day I prefer to place it on the wall. So I got my hands on some beautiful pink rope and made this whimsical macrame heart wall hanging.



**supplies needed**

- 24 " long wooden dowel
- gold craft paint
- 320 feet of 5mm cotton rope (fuchsia)



**step 1 – preparation**

To add a bit of bling to the dowel rod, I painted the ends with gold craft paint.



I then cut 16 pieces of rope, each measuring 20 feet. Always apply tape to the ends of the rope pieces to prevent fraying.



## **step 2 – lark’s head knots**

With the 16 pieces of rope, tie Lark’s Head Knots onto the pole, as shown below.



**step 3 – square knots Starting with the first 4 cords on the left, make a row of 8 Square Knots.**





#### **step 4 – half square spiral knots**

Starting with the 3rd individual cord from the left, make a row of 7 Half Square Spiral Knots, as shown below. This is the same as tying a Square Knot but you are always starting from the same side. This causes the strand of knots to twist. Continue weaving each vertical row of spiral knots until it is about 4 " long.



### **step 5 – heart design**

Beneath the 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th Spiral Knots, tie one Square Knot.



Next, starting with the 5th individual cord from the left, make a row across of 6 Square Knots. Be careful to keep the horizontal row even.



Next, beginning with the 3rd individual cord on the left, make another row of 7 Alternating Square Knots.



Now, beginning with the 5th individual cord from the left, make an Alternating Square Knot, skip 4 individual cords, make 2 Alternating Square Knots, skip 4 individual cords, then make a final Alternating Square Knot. (See photo below.)



Beginning with the 3rd individual cord from the left, make 2 Alternating Square Knots, skip 4 cords, make another Alternating Square Knot, skip 4 cords, then make 2 Alternating Square Knots.



Beginning with the 5th individual cord from the left, make 2 Alternating Square Knots, skip 8 cords, then make 2 Alternating Square Knots.



Continue weaving the wall hanging in this way, following the steps below:

Starting with the 7th individual cord from left, make 2 Alternating Square Knots, skip 4 cords, make 2 Alternating Square Knots

Starting with the 9th cord from left, make 4 Alternating Square Knots

Starting with the 11th cord from left, make 3 Alternating Square Knots



Starting with the 13th cord from left, make 2 Alternating Square Knots

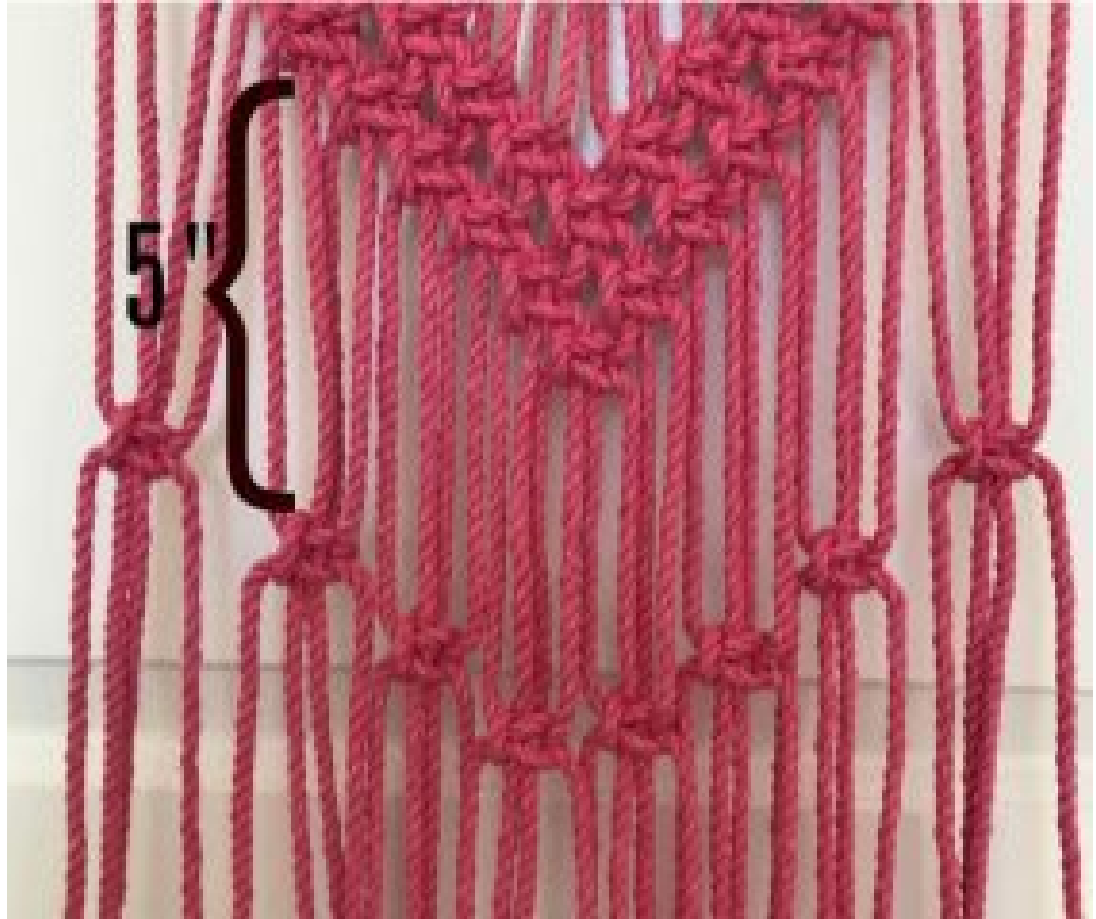
Starting with the 15th cord from left, make 1 Alternating Square Knot in the center





### **step 6 – finishing touches**

Now that the heart design is finished, about 5 " down from the bottom edges of the heart, make 8 Square Knots (beginning with the 1st individual cord on left) in diagonal lines coming to a point at the bottom. See photo below.



Starting with the 3rd individual cord from the left, make 7 Half Square Spiral Knots (each about 4 " long), as shown below.



Next, tie knots into the loose hanging cords at random heights. Cut the bottom of the wall hanging so the sides are shorter and graduate down to a point in the center (as shown). Untwist the ends of the cords below the random knots so they will gently fray.





As a final added touch, I tied an extra cord onto each end of the wall hanging, using a Lark's Head Knot. And that's it! A funky little wall hanging to celebrate Valentine's Day!



# MACRAME WALL HANGING

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For this project, I decided to keep things really simple and use really just one knot type to create my design. Then, I added some color with an easy dip dye, and I'm really happy with the way it turned out. I think it has a more modern vibe. What do you think?

If you have wanted to learn more about how to make your own macrame wall hanging then you are in the right place! I have a step-by-step photo tutorial to help you make your own wall hanging plus a quick video explaining the macrame square knot.

## **DIY MACRAME WALL HANGING SUPPLIES:**

- 3 mm Cotton Macrame Cord  
(This is what I used, but this is another good option)
- 12 " Wooden Dowel Rod
- Scissors
- Liquid Fabric Dye
- Plastic or Metal Container
- Plastic Gloves
- Salt
- Liquid Dish Soap

## **HOW TO MAKE A MACRAME WALL HANGING (WITH DIP DYING!)**

I was going to do a fairly easy macrame screen hanging, so I really only used two strings—the larks head knot and the square knot. The larks head knot is simply the way to attach the cords to your dowel, and I've got a full video tutorial on the square knot below, so you

shouldn't have a issue getting your own macrame screen hung even if you're new to macrame. Okay, well, let's get began!1.

### *ATTACH CORD TO DOWEL*

Start by cutting an even number of cord lengths [I used 18 pieces that were each about 10 feet (3 meters) long].

Next, attach each cord to the dowel using a larks head knot. To do this, fold the cord in half, place the folded end over and behind the dowel, and finally, pull the tails through the loop as shown in the image below. (You can also see me make this knot in the video a bit further down.)



This is a common way of attaching your macrame cord to your starting dowel or ring. Attach all of your cords to the dowel rod using this method.

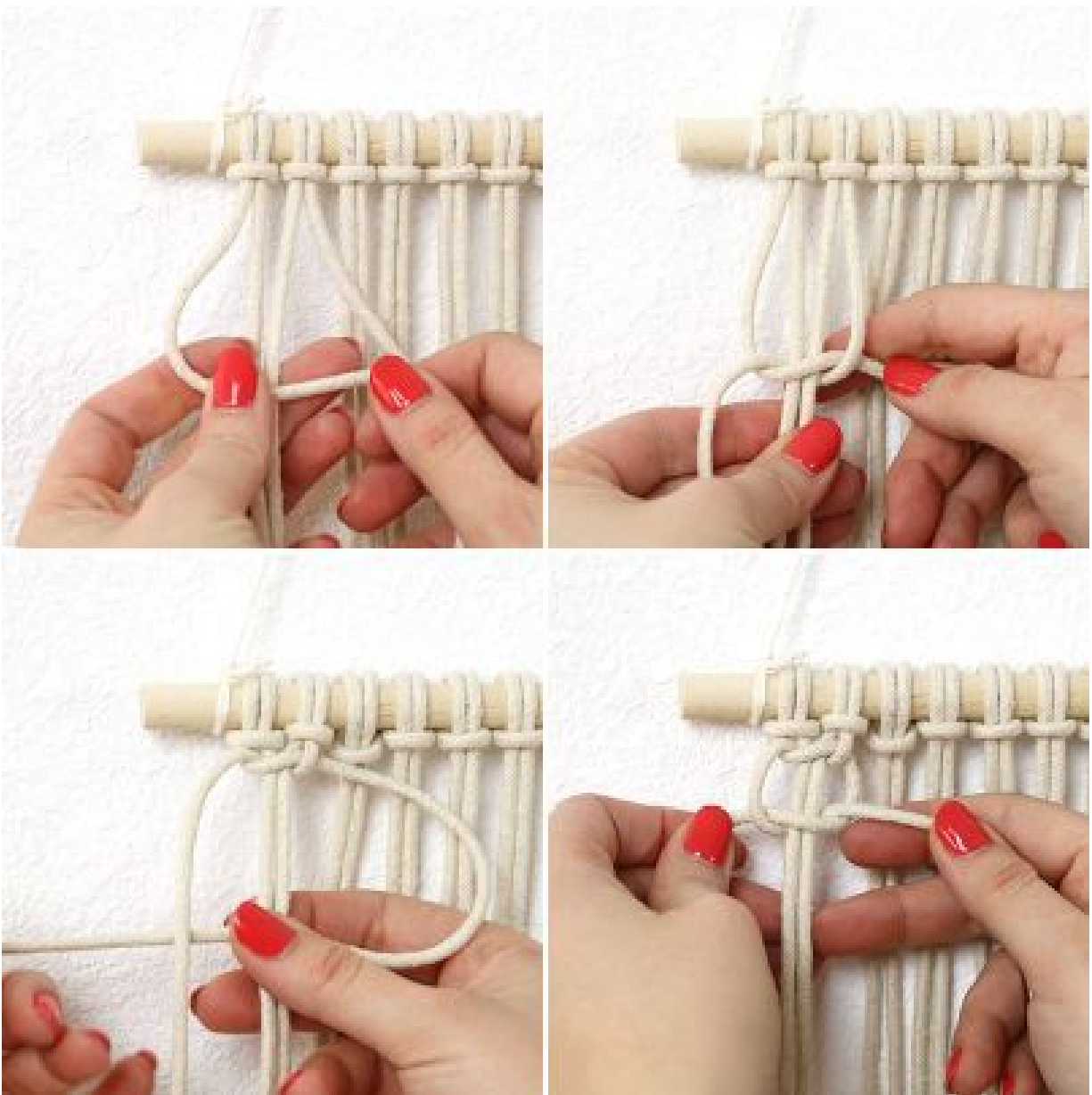


## *2. MAKE SQUARE KNOTS*

The rest of this wall hanging is made using just one type of macrame knot the square knot. To learn how to make a square knot.

### HOW TO MAKE A MACRAME SQUARE KNOT

To make a square knot, you need four strands. The two outside strands will be used to tie the knot around the two middle strands.



To make a square knot:

1. Cross the left hand strand over the two middle strands.
2. Pass the right hand strand over the left hand strand, under the two middle strands, and up through the loop formed by the left strand. Pull to tighten.
3. Repeat this process on the opposite side: Cross the right hand strand over the two middle strands.
4. Pass the left hand strand over the the right hand strand, under the two middle strands, and up through the loop

formed by the right strand. Pull to tighten.

For the first row, make square knots all the way across the rod. Starting with 18 cords, I made nine total square knots in my first row.

For the second row, you will make your square knots using two strands each from two adjacent square knots (see the image below). Now, the strands that were center strands in the previous row will be outside strands for this row. Alternating rows this way gives you a nice mesh pattern in the final piece.



Make a knot between each of the square knots of the previous row. For this second row of knots, two strands on each side will not be used. I had 8 total square knots in my second row.

For Row 3, again you will make square knots between the knots of the previous row (9 knots total). The strands on the edges that were not using in the previous row, will be used again on this row (see image below).



Continue making knots in this pattern until your piece is as long as you want it to be. I worked 23 total rows for a piece that was about 9 inches long not including the dowel or fringe.





At the end of the day, use a couple of scissors to cut up and even out your hair. You can trim your tails uniformly as I did, or go for a point, a step, or a more organic look.

If you want to maintain your item in its natural cotton colour, you're finished at this stage. Oh, Yay! To add a little bit of color as I did, let's bust out that dye!

### *3. DIP DYE (OPTIONAL)*

At this stage, I really enjoyed the texture of my item, but because it was so easy, I felt it would be enjoyable to add a little color with some dye. I've chosen to go for a shadow dip-dyed look, and it's really simple to do if you want to attempt it too!



1. First, fill a container with hot water. I followed the dye label's recommendation to add a cup of salt and a teaspoon of dish detergent for dying cotton.
2. Next, pour in the liquid dye (I used about half of the bottle) and mix gently. (Don't forget to wear gloves to protect your hands!)
3. Get your macrame wet before placing it in the dye bath.
4. Then add it to the dye bath. I started by placing just the bottom third or so in for about ten minutes and then I moved a bit more down for another five or so minutes. Finally, I just quickly dipped the last couple of inches in briefly to get the lightest color at the top.
5. Finally, rinse the dyed piece under running cool water until it runs clear.

And that's it! Once your macrame wall hanging has dried, it is all ready to hang!



# COPPER PIPE WALL HANGING DIY



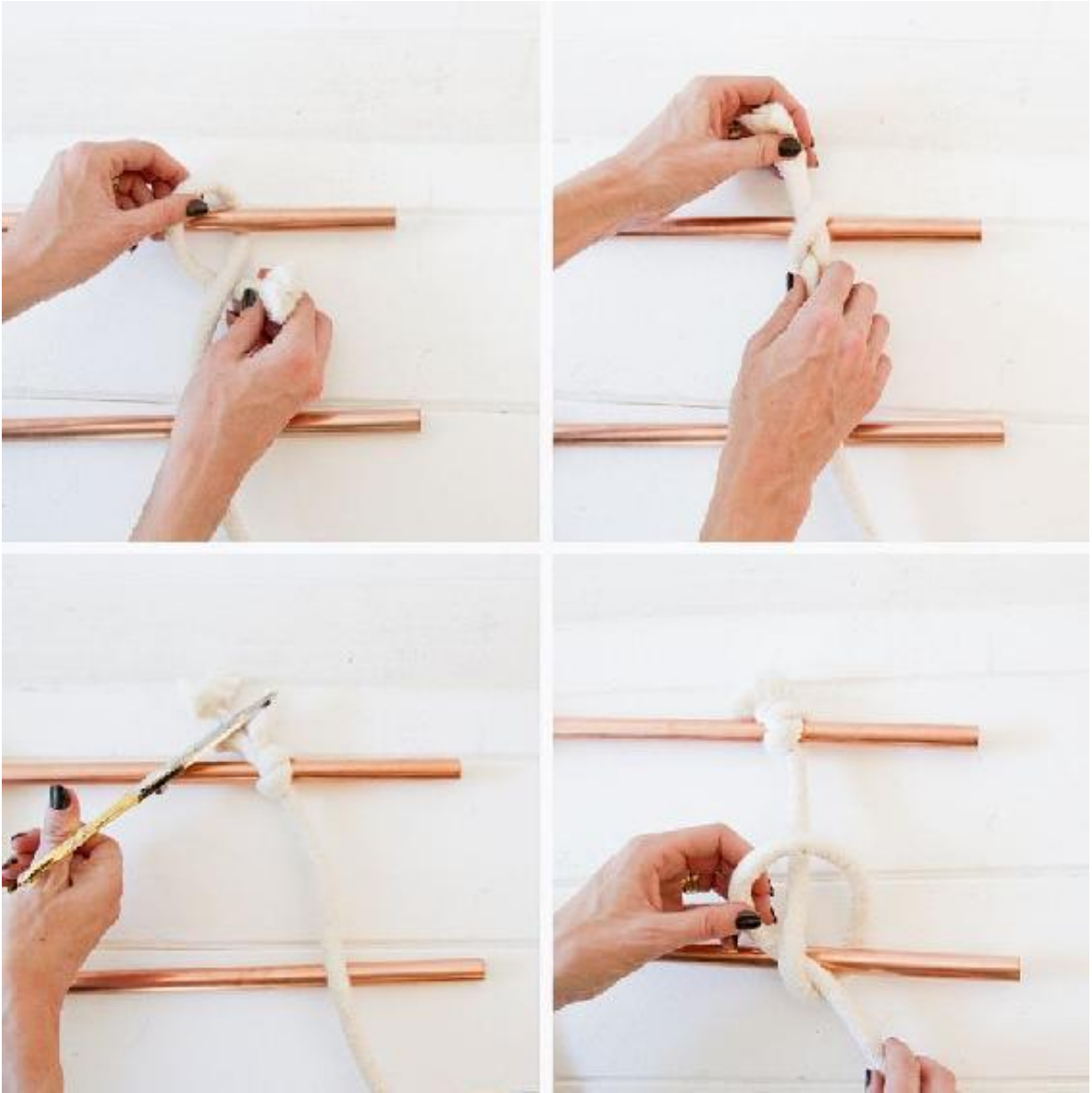
I love the texture and dimension of woven or macrame wall hangings, but they can be quite pricey to buy, as they are usually so detailed and time consuming to make. Right now I am saving all my pennies to put towards our home renovation. So until our finances recover, I decided to create a simple wall-hanging that is reminiscent of my favorite macrame pieces (with the addition of a little copper bling!).



**Supplies needed for this DIY are:**

- 25 yards  
of 1/2 " (size 5)  
Cotton  
Piping
- 3 copper  
pipes  
measuring  
1/2 " x 2 '
- 19 copper  
couplings  
1/2 "
- 4 copper  
tube caps  
1/2 "
- scissors
- a hack saw
- a file





I started by cutting off an 18 " length of cotton piping, then I tied a knot onto one of the copper bars, approximately 4 inches from one end (images 1 and 2). Then I cut off the excess piping to about 3/4 " (images 3). Next, I tied another knot around the second copper pipe so that the two copper pipes were about 6 " apart (image 4).



From there I tied another knot 6 inches down the cotton piping, added on one of the copper couplings and secured it with another knot directly below that. Finally, I trimmed the and excess cotton piping at the bottom to a 3/4 " tail like the top. To continue on, follow the same steps for each subsequent row increasing the length of the cotton piping by about 3 " each time until you hit the center. Continue from there decreasing the length by 3 " each time to match the opposite side.



To create the design in the middle I cut down the remaining 1/2 " x 2 ' copper pipe into three pieces using the hack saw (the two small ones measuring 5 " long and the middle one 7.5 " long). Be careful with the edges of the cut pipe, I used the file here to smooth out any sharp edges. To finish it all off I placed the tube caps on each end of the two copper pipes and voila, that is it!

I am loving the texture, the subtlety of the white on white, and how the copper really shines. I think it brings just enough visual interest to our entryway without breaking the bank. It would make a great holiday gift too! Maybe for a special gal pal or stylish sister? I might tackle another one to gift once my fingertips recover from tying so many knots!

# CHIC DIY PLANT HANGER

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DIY planters are all the rage these days. Make yourself one with style by crafting this Chic DIY Plant Hanger. This project is a quick way to add a bit of greenery to the indoors. It's bohemian chic, giving you a touch of vintage flair while still providing modern style. This makes this DIY macramé plant hanger simple to match with any type of home decor. Plus, you only need three items to make this easy DIY craft. You can macramé your way to a stylish home with these DIY plant holder!

## **Materials List**

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- Tape  
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stick.
- Tape.

## **Instructions**

Cut 8 strands of yarn 7 feet [2 m] long.

Top Knot: Fold all strands in half and knot together, approx 1½" [4 cm] from top (fold edge). Tape Top Knot securely to flat surface to continue.

**Cut 8 strands of yarn 7 feet [2 m] long.**



**Fold all strands in half and knot together.**



2 Divide 16 strands of yarn into 4 groups of 4 strands. Tie each group with one overhand knot 12" [30.5 cm] down from Top Knot.

Note: It will be helpful to attach tape onto each Group with numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 written onto tape (tape will be removed at end of work).



3.. Working from left to right: take 2 strands from Group 1 and 2 strands from Group 2, tie together with overhand knot 3" [7.5 cm] down from previous knot. Take 2 unused strands from Group 2 and 2 strands from Group 3, tie together with overhand knot 3" [7.5 cm] down from previous knot. Repeat with 2 strands from Group 3 and 2 strands from Group 4, then 2 strands from Group 4 and remaining 2 strands from Group 1.





4.. ie *all* strands together with overhand knot 2" [5 cm] down from knots in Step 3.



5..Cut strands even to desired tassel length. Remove tape markers.



As you can see below you have successfully made a diy flower hanger

# DIY MACRAME WALL HANGING

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A macrame wall hanging is an easy DIY project that will add a handmade touch to any room in your home. This free tutorial will help you create a wall hanging with a lot of interesting patterns, such as spirals and triangles. Don't be afraid to change it up to make it your own.

Despite how it looks, this is a simple project that will just take you an hour or two to complete. It really comes together fast and you'll find lots of opportunities to add your own style to it.

This is just one of many free macrame patterns that include plant hangers, bookmarks, curtains, and a whole lot more.

The knots you'll be using for this macrame wall hanging include Lark's Head knot, Spiral knot, and Square knot. You can learn how to tie all these knots by reading our guide on how to macrame.

## What You'll Need



Here's what you'll need to complete this DIY macrame wall hanging:

- Cotton Macrame Cord (200 feet or 61 meters)
- Wooden Dowel (3/4-inch diameter, 24 inches long)
- Scissors

I'm using cotton clothesline for my macrame cord. It has a wonderful natural look to it and is fairly inexpensive.

The wooden dowel doesn't need to be these exact dimensions and in place of the wooden dowel, use whatever size you like as long as you can fit all the ropes over it. If you'd like to give it a more outdoorsy feel, you could use a tree branch about the same size.

### *Make a Hanger for Your Wooden Dowel*

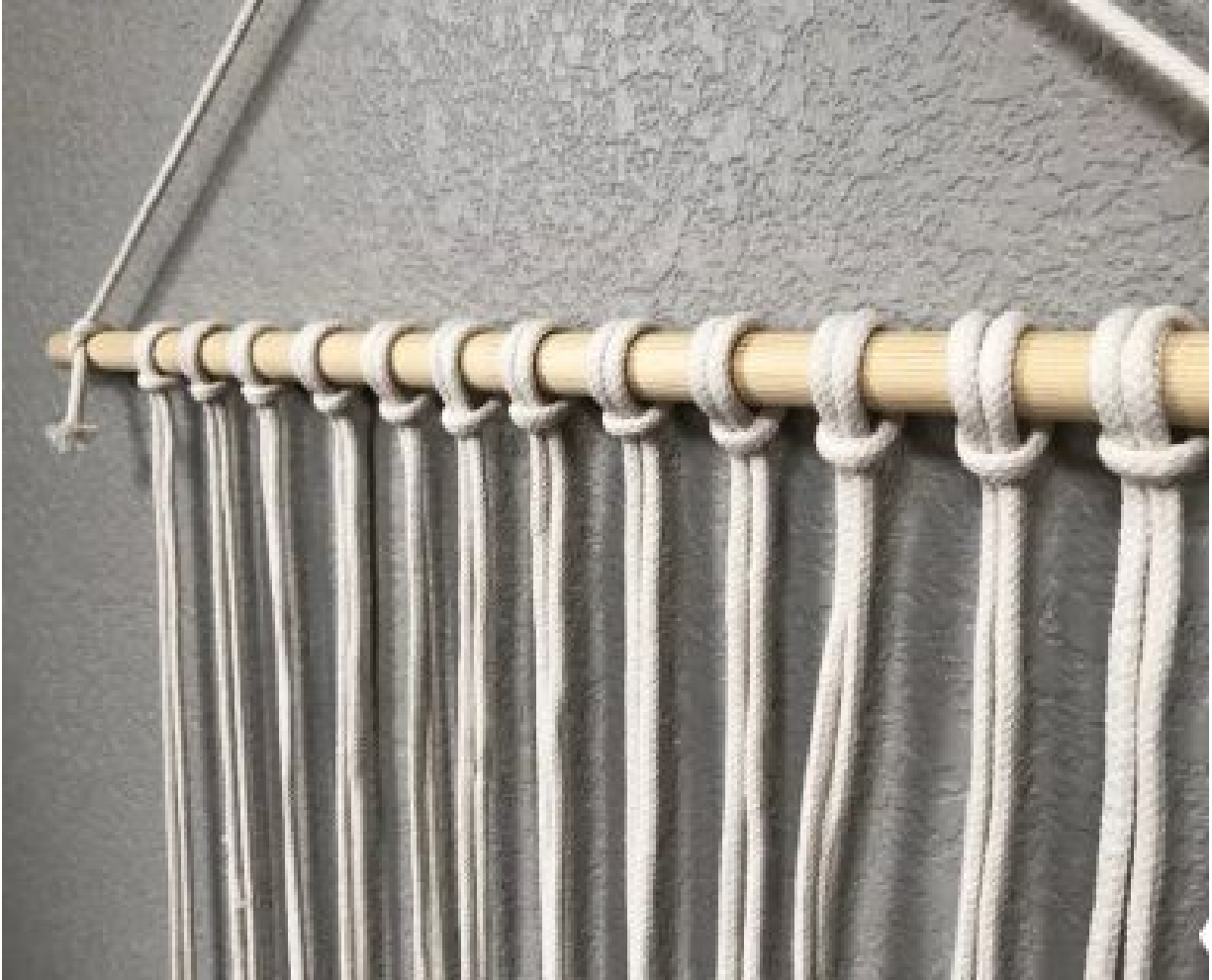


Cut a piece of macrame cord that's three feet (one meter). Tie each end of the cord to the two sides of the wooden dowel.

You'll use this to hang your macrame project when it's finished. I like to attach it at the beginning so I can hang the macrame project as I tie knots. Working this way is much easier than laying it down.

*Cut Your Macramé Cord*





Cut your macrame cord into 12 lengths of rope that are 15 feet (4.5 meters) long.

This may seem like a lot of cord but knots take up more cord than you would think. There's no way to make your rope longer if you need to, so it's better to cut more than you'll use.

*Attach Macrame Cord to Dowel*



Fold one of the macrame cords in half and use a lark's head knot to attach it to the wooden dowel.

Attach all the other cords in the same way.

*Knot Spiral Stitches*



Take the first 4 cords and make a left-facing spiral stitch (also called a half knot sinnet) by tying 13 half knots.

*Continue Knotting Spiral Stitches*





Use the next set of four ropes to make another spiral stitch with 13 half knots. Continue working in groups with four cords. When you finish, you should have a total of six spiral stitches.

*Make Square Knots*



Measure approximately two inches down from the last knot in the spiral stitch. This is where you're going to place your next knot, the square knot.

Using the first four cords, make a right facing square knot. Continue making the right facing square knots all the way across this row. Do your best to keep them all horizontally even with each other. You'll end up with a set of six square knots.

*Decrease Square Knots*



Now it's time to start decreasing the square knots so we can have a "V" shape of knots.

Leave the first two cords and the last two cords free. Make right facing square knots with each group of four. You'll now have a second row with the two first and two last cords unknotted and five square knots.

It doesn't matter how you space these, just keep them even with each other for each row.

*Continue Decreasing the Square Knots*



For the third row, you're going to leave out the first four cords and the last four cords. You'll have four square knots.

For the fourth row leave out six cords at the beginning and six cords at the end. You'll have three square knots.

In the fifth row, you'll leave out eight cords at the beginning and eight more cords at the end. You'll have two square knots now.

For the sixth and final row, you'll leave out 10 cords at the beginning and 10 cords at the end. This will leave you with four cords to make one final square knot.

*Increase Square Knots*



Time for more square knots! This time, we are going to be increasing them to form a triangle, or an upside down "V."

For the first row of this section, leave out the first eight and last eight cords. You'll make two square knots.

In the third row, leave out six cords at the beginning and the end. You'll have three square knots in this row.

For the fourth row, leave out four cords at the beginning and four at the end. You'll have four square knots.

In the fifth row, leave out two cords at the beginning and the last two cords. Now you'll have five square knots in this row.

For the last row, use all the cords to make knots. You'll have six square knots for this row.

*Trim and Knot*

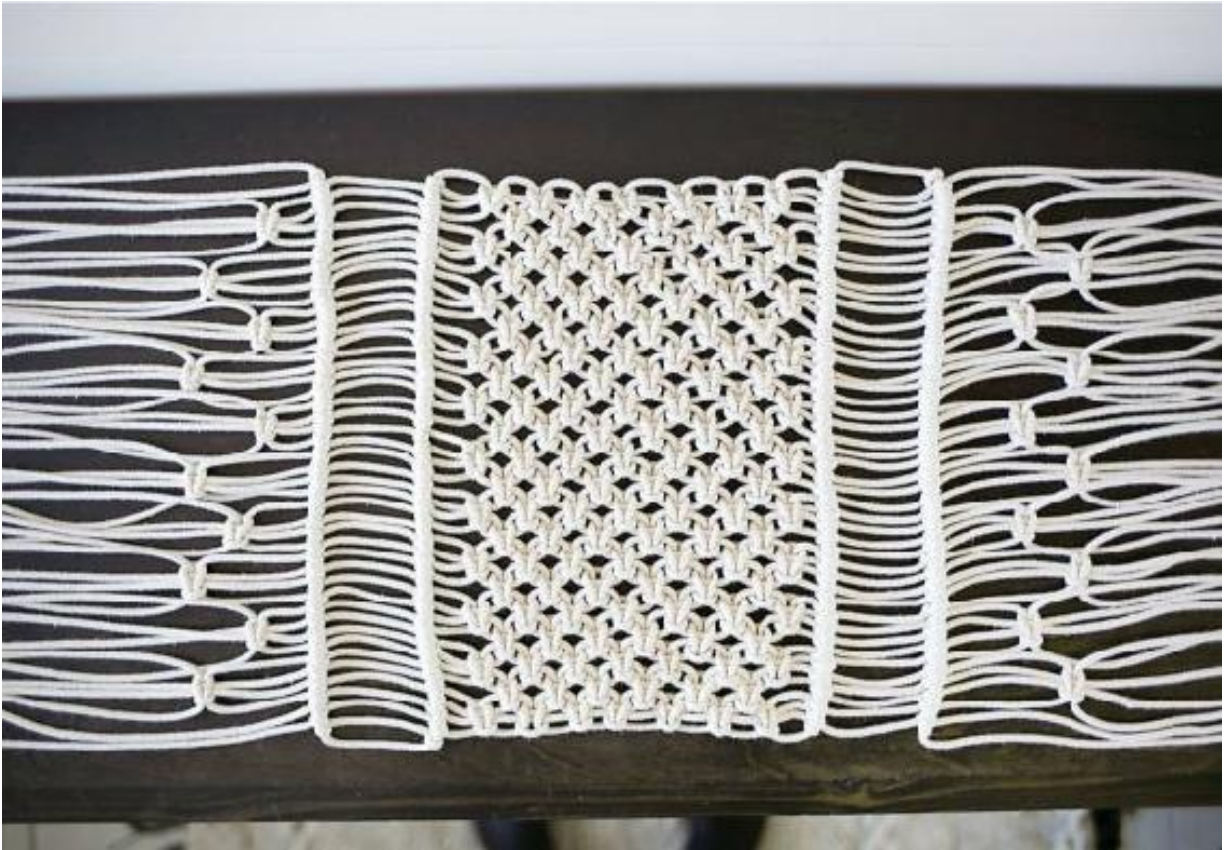


Time to give your macrame wall hanging a nice trim. Leave some space (about six to eight inches) under your final row. Use your scissors to cut the cords straight across.

You can leave it like how it is, add some beads, fray your ends, or tie simple overhand knots like above.

# SIMPLE MACRAME TABLE RUNNER

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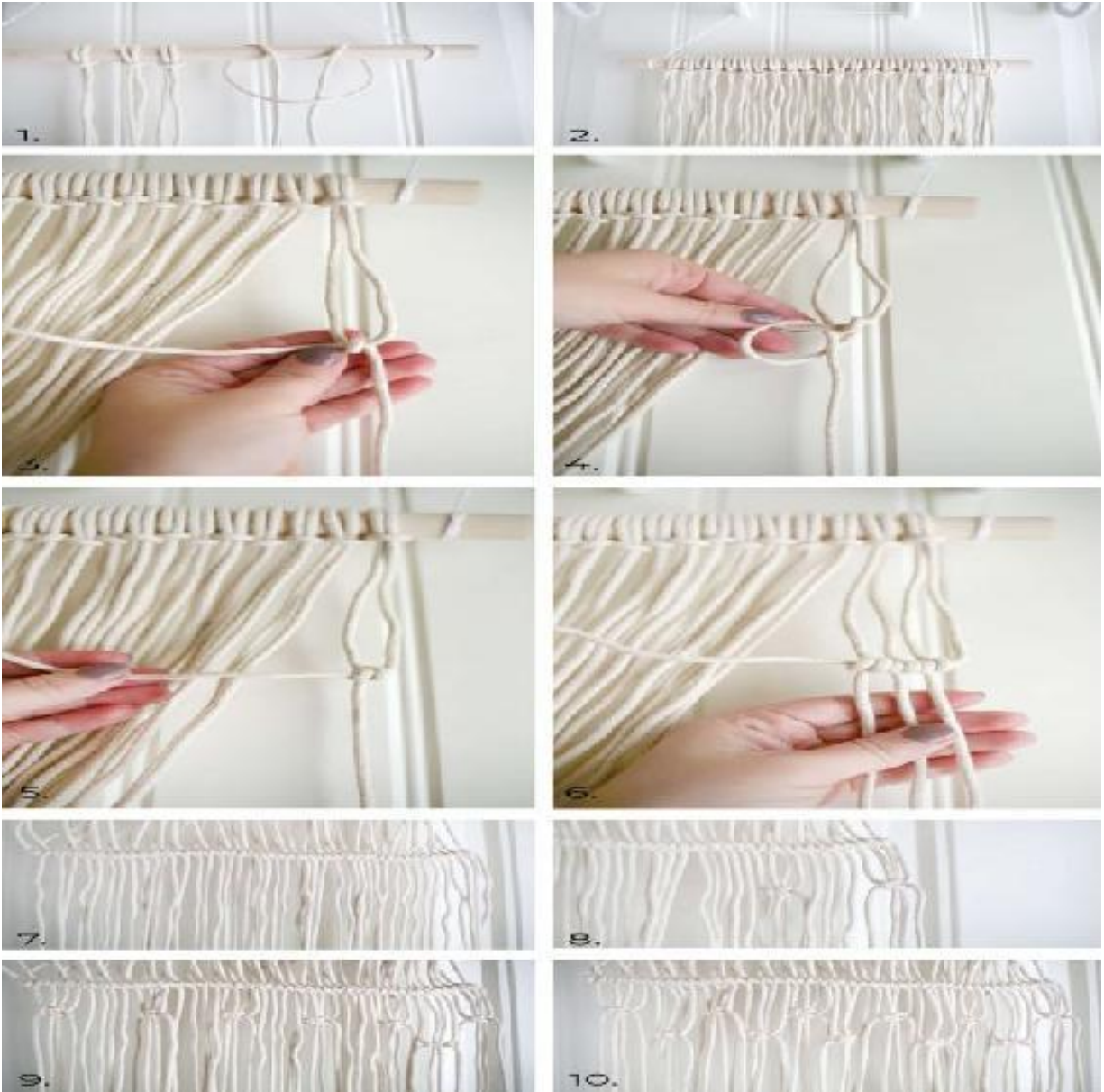
When I'm decorating any space, I think in terms of layers that coordinate and contrast. Whether it's color, texture, or size, those three elements can make a room feel less basic. My fourth guideline is versatility! This macrame table runner checks all of the boxes and made this compact breakfast nook even more special with its simple but interesting design.

All you need to know are three simple knots and you've got a layer of charm that works in any season. Once you're familiar with the knots shared here, you can customize your own table runner to fit the length of your own table or completely change it up and create a macrame wall hanging!

## **Materials:**

- -12 " wooden dowel
- -22 strands of 16 ' cotton rope measuring 3mm
- -over the door hooks
- -2 ' of cotton twine for dowel hanger
- -scissors





Step One: Tie cotton twine to each end of your dowel and hang it from your over the door hooks. Fold your first 16 ' strand of rope in half and create a lark's head knot over your dowel.

Step Two: Continue adding each 16 ' strand of rope using a lark's head knot until you have 22 total. This will give you 44 strands to work with.

Step Three: Pull the outer right rope across the front of all the other ropes (to the left) and drape the end on your door hook. This is going to be the base for the next row of knots called a half-hitch that will

create a horizontal row. Use the second rope from the right side to tie a single knot around the rope you just draped across so that it's about 6 " below the dowel.

Step Four: Use the same strand to tie a second knot over the base strand. This is called a half-hitch knot.

Step Five: Make sure they are even and consistent.

Step Six: Repeat with the second, third, and fourth rope from the outside and tie another half-hitch knot so that it's snug, etc. You'll start to see the pattern. This is a horizontal half-hitch.

Step Seven: Continue tying consecutive ropes in a single knot all the way across. You don't want this to be so tight that it pulls the width in at the edges.

Step Eight: Starting from the right again, use the outer four strands and create a square knot about 1.5 " below your horizontal line of knots. To get more details on a square knot, Skip the next four strands (five through eight) and tie another square knot using strands nine through 12. Continue skipping four, tying four until you get all the way across.

Step Nine: Starting on the right side again, use the four strands you skipped (five through eight) and tie a square knot about 3 " below the dowel.

Step Ten: Keep tying the skipped sets of four strands in square knots until you finish that row.



Step Eleven: Pull the outer two strands on the right side off to the side. Then use strands three through six to create another square knot about 11 " below the horizontal row of knots in step seven. Then use the next four strands to create another square knot about 1.5 " above the last square knot.

Step Twelve: Continue all the way across as shown. You won't do anything with the last two strands.

Step Thirteen: Starting from the right side again, create another row of horizontal half-hitch knots by repeating steps three through seven.

Step Fourteen: Starting from the left side, use that same base strand of rope and create another horizontal half-hitch row of knots about 2.5 " below the last one. You'll be working from the left to the right on this one.

Step Fifteen: Starting on the left side, create a row of square knots without skipping any strands that rests about 1 " below that horizontal line of knots. Then create a second row of square knots by skipping the first two strands on the left before tying another full row of square knots. This is called an alternating square knot. You don't want much space in between these rows so you can pull them tightly together as you add each square knot.

Step Sixteen: Keep going until you have about 13 rows of alternating square knots total. This section is the center of your table runner so everything else from this point is going to mirror what you already wove above.

Step Seventeen: Add another horizontal half-hitch row of knots starting from the outer left side and working your way to the right.

Step Eighteen: Move down about 2.5 " and use the same base rope to create another horizontal half-hitch row of knots that move from the right to the left.

Step Nineteen: For this section, skip the outer two strands of rope on the right and then tie a square knot using strands three through six. Skip strands seven through 10 and use strands 11 through 14 to tie another square knot. Repeat so that you're skipping every four strands. You'll have six strands left on the left side.

Skip rows one and two on the left side and tie strands three through six into a square knot about 1.5 " below that last row of square knots. Then skip the next four strands and finish off the pattern for that second row of square knots. This will leave you with six extra strands on the right side.

Step Twenty: Measure down 11 " from the last row of horizontal knots and tie a square knot using the outer four strands on the right side. Then tie the next four into a square knot about 1.5 " above the last knot.



Step Twenty-One: Repeat all the way across.



Step Twenty-Two: Finally, tie one last row of horizontal half-hitch knots about 1.5 " below the row of alternating square knots. Trim up the ends to be as long as you'd like, making note of how long they are on the opposite end. Remove the cotton twine from your dowel and slip all of the lark's head knots off gently. Then cut the center of the lark's head knot loop and trim up the ends.

# TOILET PAPER HOLDERS

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i am very excited about this one. one night [natalie](#) and i were hanging around her house eating thai food, as usual, and we concepted this idea to upgrade your toilet paper holders in a stylish way. these are something everybody has in their homes, and they are very rarely given second thought when it comes to design. but why not? it's so simple and can make a bathroom look that much cooler!

so we decided to make a little project out of it. we thought of hotels that we loved and designed TP holders based on their aesthetic. because we're weird like that. but i truly love how this came out! i need to change the holder in my bathroom immediately.







## **supplies:**

- drawer pull *also love [this one](#) .)*
- half inch tube or pipe cut to six inches in length, you can use brass or copper pipe, we love clear acrylic tubes because you can slip any kind of colored paper or fabric inside like you see here. plexi tubes can be found online
- 24 inches of leather cord, rope, twine or ribbon, whichever suits your fancy





how to:

- make loops at either end of your cord that are large enough to fit around the drawer pull easily.
- drill a hole in your wall that is just slightly smaller than the hardware on the back of the drawer pull and twist the pull into the wall to create a knob.







- feed the cord through the pipe and hang both loops on the knob.





- to replace your TP simply pull one loop off the knob and feed the cord through the TP roll. it's as easy as that!

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which style is your favorite? hopefully your mind is spinning with what materials you are going to use to make your own at home!

# CEDAR BATH MAT

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If you don't have big renovations in the works for your home, like a kitchen redo (my dream!), a new living room or a complete yard makeover, little projects and updates are a good way to bring a fresh look to your space while you wait for the day you can tackle those bigger projects. This simple & modern bath mat brings a spa-like feel to your bathroom and is an easy enough project to tackle over a weekend! We chose cedar because it's an affordable water-resistant wood, that's also soft, so it's great for stepping on; teak would also be a great choice if your budget is a little higher. Wood bath mats might take a bit to get used to (think of stepping on them as a mini foot massage!), but the clean, modern look definitely wins us over!



DIY Cedar Bath Mat

## Materials Needed:

- cedar board – 1x6x10
- circular saw
- table saw
- measuring tape
- pencil
- sand paper
- wood glue
- nail gun (or hammer & nails)
- teak oil (or another kind of water-resistant finish)
- – paint brush & rag











## **Directions:**

Cut board into 30 " pieces using circular saw. Cut three of the 30 " pieces to width (for slats), 1.75 " on the table saw. Cut the three support pieces from the remaining wood – ours are 1.75 " wide, 3/8 " thick and 18 " long. Sand all the pieces. Arrange wooden slats as you'd like your mat to look, with the

bottom side of the wood slats facing up. We spaced our slats  $\frac{3}{8}$  " apart. (To make spacing easier, make  $\frac{3}{8}$  " spacers out of scrap wood). Place a dab of wood glue on each slat, one inch from the edge. Place a support piece over the glue and nail down, keeping the ends of the slats even. Repeat on the other end and with the center support piece. Let the glue dry. Once glue is dry, apply finish, following manufacturer's instructions.

# MACRAME PLANT HANGER

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I'm addicted to macrame. Funnily enough, I found out later that my mom used love to "knot". Who would have thought? I guess the saying is true, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree. But I did not learn from my mom, instead I learned the first knots via Pinterest. I always use Pinterest to collect my inspiration pictures and usually find the best DIY tutorials there. But for Macrame that's not the case. I've been looking for a while and have not found a good tutorial. Instead, I concentrated on learning the various knots, and then began to experiment with designing my own patterns. So that you guys don't have to troal through the internet to find instructions, I have decided to explain them all today in detail.

Caveat: There are also mega simple versions, where you actually have to make only a handful of knots. But I love the slightly more complex patterns. But don't worry, that doesn't mean that today's DIY is complicated. The hardest and most annoying step is actually measuring and cutting the cords. But let's start from the beginning.

## **You need:**

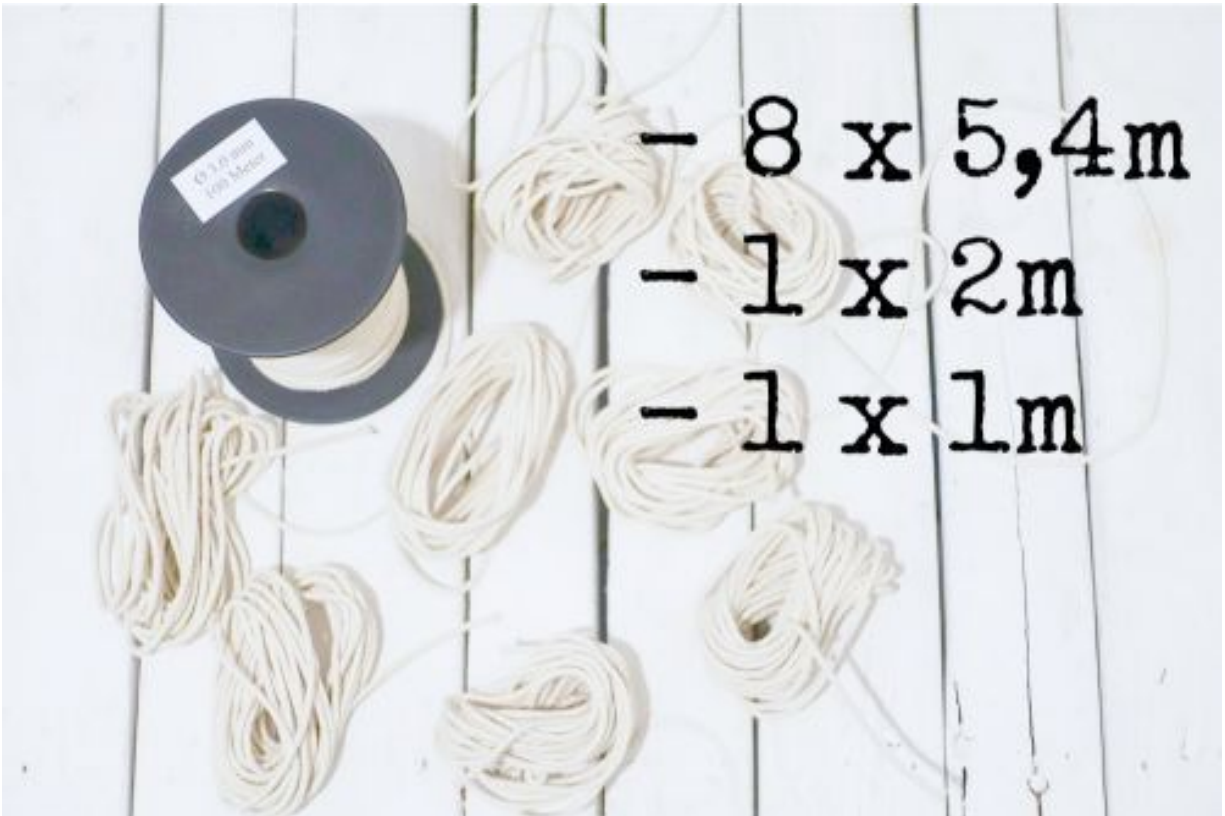
- 45-50 m cord. I used 3mm thick cotton string. [Here](#) is the exact one that I used
- scissors
- a tape measure
- [Washi tap](#)e or some other tape
- a hook, doorknob, nail in the wall, etc. Just something to hang the plant hanger on while you knot
- Knowledge of the various knots (try this as an exercise first, otherwise you will be frustrated later): [larks head](#) , [vertical larks head](#) , [square knot](#) and [spiral stich](#) (the last two are the most important)

## **Step 1 – Measuring & Cutting**

You need 8 x 5.4m cords. I always measure the first length of cord and then use it to measure the remaining seven, that way I don't



need to constantly use the tape measure. For this tutorial, you also need 1 x 1m and 1 x 2m.



## Step 2 – The loop

When you are done you will want to hang the plant hanger somewhere. Some use a metal ring to make the hanger at the top of their. I didn't have one, but you actually don't need one if you make your own (this is a little more complicated, a simple variant is to use a metal ring):

- Sets the eight cords together and fold it in half, so you have 16 strings with a loop top (see picture below, I do not know if my explanations are the best, just ask in the comments if you need clarification)



- Tape about 7 cm below the top of the loop (see picture above)
- Now you will take the 2m cord and tie it with a [\*larks head\*](#) to the top of the loop (see picture below)



With the right string knotted you can now loop around the middle of the loop with a vertical larks head: take the right thread over the loop, then under the loop and then through the thread tighten (not too tight, just so that that it holds). Then you take the same thread, passing through under the loop, upward through the loop and pull at the thread through tightening.



### Step 3 – Secure the loop

- Now you have a nice, decorative loop, but it's not held together nicely. Take off the tape. With the 1m-string tie the loop together with a "Gathering knot" with this method (cut all the extras that hang out and using a screwdriver push them into the "Gathering Knot"):

### Step 4 – actually Macrame

Finally we can really start, the hardest part, I think, is already done. As I said, you can also just use a ring, but I find a loop of string much prettier.

Now separate the 16 strings into 4 groups of 4 and start knotting:

- In one group knot a 25 cm long section with [spiral stitch](#) (this is a variant of the square knot, see above). This it repeated for the other 3 groups, will ensure that the pattern is the same length everywhere.



*Then for the next 15 cm make no knots, let the strings hang free, and then make a big normal knot. This it repeated for all groups.*



Now you knot 25 cm length with the square knot. This it repeated for the other 3 groups, again to ensure that the pattern is the same length everywhere.



Now you let the string free for 10 cm and then knot two square knot, BUT with two strings from one group and two strings from the adjacent group (see figure below). This it repeated for the other 3 groups, make sure that no strings cross over any strings and that only adjacent strings are knotted together.



Next you again leave 10 cm free and again take the neighbor threads each and knot them together with 2 square knots.

- Now you have arrived at the end and you can just tie all strings together in a large knot





Pay attention to:

- do not overtighten the knots, otherwise the pattern will bend
- try to keep the knots uniform, but as long as you don't pull too hard on the knots it should be easy
- The plant hanger will end up being about 1.4 meters long and fits well for pots 15-25 cm diameter. Mine has a diameter of 19 cm, but it also accommodates smaller
- Practice the knots before or else you will become really frustrated
- Using another thread size / thickness / type, will result in the plant hanger being smaller or larger.

# MACRAME LAMP WIRE

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The knot for this project is as easy as can be. It's a great way to be productive AND watch Netflix because once your hands get the memory down you can sort of go on autopilot.

## **You'll need:**

- Rope or Cording (make sure you use a coupon!)\*
- Lamp Cord
- Socket Kit
- Small Vessel (that can be drilled into)

Glue\*So don't throw things at me, but I'm not sure how much cording to tell you to buy. Let me explain. For the huge rope, I bought 35 yards (\$1.49/yd) and it easily covered 15 feet of lamp cord. For the smaller one I bought 40 yards (\$.59/yd) and it covered 8 feet. Obviously the thickness plays a massive factor in how far it goes. The good news is that you can use clear tape to connect the ends together if you need to add more and you'll never see them (also make sure that you use at least a 40% off coupon at JoAnn when you are buying it.)

Start by securing your lamp wire. For pictures I have it taped to a wall, in real life you'll want to tie it around something like a chair back or doorknob to keep it stable.



Find the center of your cording and place it behind the lamp wire.



Take the left side and put it over the front of the lamp wire.





And under the right side of the cord creating a small loop on the left side of your lamp wire.

Then take the right cord and place it behind the lamp wire.



Pull the entire length of it through the small loop that you created on the left side of the lamp wire.







Repeat your little heart out. As you are creating more and more knots the design will start to spiral. As long as you are starting with the left side and taking it over the top of the lamp wire the spiral will go in the same direction. If you take the right side over, or put the left side under the spiral will switch directions and you'll have to undo the knots.



Pretty soon it'll start to look like this:



Once all of my knots were done it was time to wire the socket. You can do this before you start knotting if you want, its completely up to you.

For your socket cover you'll need some sort of cup or planter. For my lights I used a thrifted copper cup and a clearance plastic cup from Target that I spray painted white. But you can use anything! A wooden bowl, a ceramic planter, really the sky is the limit!



Start by drilling a hole into the bottom of your cup.



Then attach the treaded nipple to the socket base (make sure that you tighten the little screw on the side so that your socket doesn't unscrew when you are twisting the light bulb!)



Put the washer, then the cup, then the socket base onto your lamp wire.



Attach the socket according to the instructions provided.



Then screw the washer onto the threaded nipple.



Slide your rope up (this is the only adjustment that you won't have to do if you wire your socket before you start on your knots) and around the end of the threaded nipple. Glue in place.





Now for the details on the giant light bulbs. Man oh man are they the stuff of legend.

I found them at a light bulb store when we were in LA but after some internet sleuthing, I found the best prices at School House Electric (way better than what we got them for)

Did I mention that they are massive?

So here is the thing. A light bulb that big, its not just a bulb. Its the entire light. So while they aren't cheap (around \$40.00) they are freaking showstoppers.



# HANGING HALF FRAME

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Ever since moving into our flat two and a half years ago, I've really enjoyed gradually filling all the blank, white spaces on our walls. It's so satisfying to bring a bit of life and personality into the home with prints I've painted or bought, as well as photos of special moments. Recently, however, I've been looking for new and exciting ways to hang my pictures, as the same old box frames all over the place get a little repetitive. When Grace and Fran contacted me I was eager to create a hanging half frame to really show off a large print. I've been out and about more now that the weather is warming up, and I've been snapping away with my camera everywhere I go. I blew up one of my photos to A2 and had it printed at my local print shop to use as the focal point for my frame. Framing large images can often be very pricey, but this tutorial certainly won't break the bank.

## **Materials**

- -Print / photograph in your chosen size
- -2 pieces of lightweight wooden strips (e.g. Balsa wood)
- -Wood stain and cloth
- -Natural rope
- -2 eye screws large enough to fit the rope through
- -56g/2oz. polymer clay block
- -Stapler / staple gun
- -All purpose glue
- -Scissors
- -Ruler
- -Pencil-X-acto knife



## Steps

1. Follow the recommended temperature to preheat your oven for the polymer clay. Use the X-acto knife to cut two even blocks of clay. Roll these in the palm of your hand until round and smooth. Use a pencil to make a hole all the way through. You can then use something wider to make the hole larger until your rope fits through the middle. Place on a baking tray and bake for the recommended time.



2. While the clay is baking, use a cloth to rub the stain into the wood, giving a richer, deeper tone. It's a good idea to put some old sheets down or do this outside so as not to ruin a home surface. Leave the wood to dry completely.



3. Take one of the wood strips and measure about an inch in from either end and mark with a pencil.





4. Then twist both eye screws into these points, until fully in and secure.



5. Then lay the top of your print facedown over what will be the top wooden strip (with the eye screws in). This will be the back of the picture. Align the paper carefully so that it's placed centrally and straight. Then staple either end and go along the wooden strip, stapling to secure. I used an ordinary stapler opened up for this, as the wood was so soft, but harder woods may require a staple gun. Do the same with the bottom of the print to attach to the other wooden strip. For extra hold you could use the all purpose glue to fix the print to the wood before stapling.



6. Thread both of your clay beads onto the rope and thread a rope end through one of the eye screws. Tie a tight single knot and then do the same on the other side. Trim the excess and use the all purpose glue to seal the raw edges. This will stop them from fraying and the knot from untying.



Now, all that's left is to hang your brand new wall art in pride of place!





## FABRIC LAMPSHADE UPDATE

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Our master bathroom demo was supposed to begin yesterday, but we ended up having to postpone a month because of the floor tile. I was so prepared to bring the sledge rod to the white square ceramic tiles, but I understand it's worth the wait! (We're receiving our floor tile from Fireclay and it's lovely!) In the meantime, here's a project that Corrie has developed for us on a much shorter scale that requires 30 minutes to finish. Most of us already have lights in our home, and this easy fabric overhaul can completely alter the look and assist you add a little more colour or design to your space. Our fabric originated from Minted, of course, because I'm obsessed with it!



## **Here's what you'll need:**

- Fabric, enough to cover your lamp shade
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun and glue
- Pencil

## **Instructions:**

1. Wrap the fabric around your lampshade and trace where you'll need to cut using a pencil. Most shades are smaller at the top and larger at the bottom so your fabric won't be a perfect rectangle.





1. Cut out your fabric. Using a hot glu gun carefully adhere the fabric to the underside of the lamp. We didn't use any glue in the middle of the shade, only at the top and bottom edges





Pretty simple, right?! I also think a big block stripe would be so fun on a retro lamp like this!



# MACRAME MIRROR WALL HANGING

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DIY Bohemian Macrame Mirror Wall Hanging is a great place to start. Just a couple of knots to learn for one great project. For more wall hanging projects see my Wall Art page.



I decided to dabble in some real macrame! There are so many knots and ways to tie them in the art of macrame, it can seem very overwhelming and an easy craft to avoid. To start out on my first real attempt I decided to go with a simple project. I have had my eye on a plant hanger type macrame mirror that I actually found on Amazon. I

would have just bought it and called it a day, except that I already had the materials to make it myself.

The not get make thing too complicated I only used Lark's Head knots, square knots and some regular simple knots in this project. The square knots are the toughest to wrap your head around at first. But once you get the hang of tying them they become much easier to handle. Grab some macrame string and let's get started!

Supplies:

- Macrame Cording: 4mm
- Octagon Mirror (also available at JoAnn Fabrics)
- Wood Ring: 2 inch
- Wood Beads: 25mm w/10mm Hole Size
- Sharp Scissors



Instructions:

Cut 4 pieces of macrame cording into 108 inches (or 3yds) sections.



Fold the strips in half and tie all 4 of them on the wood loop using a Lark's Head knot. Pull the knots tight and close together. Separate two of the Lark'sd Head knots and start tying them into a square knot.



Tie two square knots.

Start tying two square knots into the second two Lark's Head knots.





As you start the second square knot loop it through one of the sides of the other two square knots to combine them into one large wide square knot.

Tie 7 square knots going down both sides and altogether.



Split off the ends after tying the knots. Two strings for each side and 4 in the center. Add tape to the ends of the cording to seal the frayed ends. This will make it easier to add the beads. Congrats! That was the hard part! The rest is just tying easy knots and getting the sides even.



Add one bead to each of the 2 side cording lines. Tie a knot under the bead on both sides making them even. Tie the 4 cords in the center into a plain or (Overhand knot) about 1/14 inch below the beads.



Take one cord from the center and add it to the 2 cords on the sides. Tie the three together in a knot on both sides. Add the mirror to get the knot lengths even. Add one of the 3 side cordings to the back of the mirror to hold it steady.

Tie simple knots in all 3 side cords at the bottom left and right of the mirror. Separate the 3 sides cords again. Send one on each side to the back of the mirror and bring 2 on each side on the front of the mirror and tie them into a knot.



Turn the mirror over and bind all the strings together. Turn the mirror back and tighten the front knot. Slip the back strings inside the knot and hold the knot. Cut the end of the cord down to about 14 inches. Pull out the ends of the rope and let them fry. Comb the ends of the cord with a comb to the edges of the fluff. Hang and appreciate yourself!

# MACRAME YARN GARLAND

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I love a good garland as much as the next blogger, so when I found myself needing to add some color to my studio, I immediately thought of something involving macrame. I didn't have tons of white rope sitting around, so I grabbed some yarn from my weaving stash, and one hour later had a much more cheerful studio!



The best thing about this project is how it adds a lot of color and interest without needing tons of time or materials, which makes it a perfect project for table backdrops at parties or a wedding.



## Supplies

- -chunky yarn in similar thicknesses in a variety of colors
- -scissors-washi tape or push pins





Step One: Cut one length of yarn for your base as long as you'd like. I cut mine to be about 8' long. Then cut up lengths of yarn that are between 2' - 3' long depending on how much fringe you want to hang down. You can always trim these up to be even later, but as you knot them together, they'll get shorter. I spaced my yarn out every 2" and then spread them out even more after I tied my knots. You may only need about 30-35 individual cuts of yarn to fit this size garland.



Step Two: I hung my base strand to the wall with push pins and then added my individual pieces by tying a single knot over the base.



Step Three: Then I started my second row of knots by skipping the first strand of yarn and tying a double knot with the second and third strands. I centered it about 2 " down from the base.



Step Four: Then I continued along tying the next two strands of yarn together about 2 " down, making sure they were mostly centered between the knots on the base piece of yarn.



This is how it looked after the first row was tied together in knots.



Step Five: Then I started my second row of knots back where I started, but tied a knot with the first strand and the second strand. Then I continued to tie knots all the way across about 2 " below the last knot. Once I was done with my second row, I went back to the left side again. I left my first strand alone and knotted the second and third strands again and repeated the process all the way across.



You can stop here or keep going with more rows of knots, but I wanted a little fringe left. Your last step is just trimming your ends to make them even and you're done!

I made a second garland with some sequin trim for a little extra glam. It was relatively easy to work with. Imagine a whole garland of gold sequin trim!

# MACRAME JAR

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This is a DIY macrame jar hanger tutorial. Macrame is still as popular as ever! Today I'm going to show you how to make these DIY Macrame Jar Hangers in literally 5 minutes! And I used leftover yogurt jars!



These look so pretty – I'm obsessing over them. It will cost you a few jars or yogurt and some macrame cord. Easy, inexpensive and beautiful.

Hi! I'm a little bit obsessed with this macrame DIY project I just did. They look so pretty and I can't believe how easy and quick it was.

Macrame is one of those things that looks really complicated until you actually sit down and try it and then you realize it's not really that hard. It just takes a bit of concentration.



This was my first time trying macrame and I wanted to keep it as simple as ever.

You guys.

I literally knocked this project out in like 20 minutes! Each macrame jar hanger took about 5 minutes and I made a total of 4.

But I want more now.

Side note: I found macrame to be a very therapeutic activity. It's like knitting. Sitting there and focusing on nothing but tying your knots. It's amazing how calming and soothing it is.

And here's another really fun part of this project ...

I used Yoplait Oui Yogurt Jars.

Have you guys seen these little french yogurt jars in the grocery store? They are so charming and I knew I wanted to do a project with them.



I ended up eating four jars of Oui yogurt in about two days.

It's good. And you feel very special eating yogurt out of little glass jars. Try it. I feel like I need a special little yogurt spoon.

Once you hold these adorable little jars in your hands – you will understand.

By the way, either before or after you tackle this project.

Let's get started, shall we?

## **MATERIALS NEEDED**

- Scissors
- Jars (In case you skipped ahead, I used Yoplait Oui Yogurt Jars)
- Macrame Cording – I used this macrame cording and it worked great.
- Fairy lights to stuff in the jars when you are done. I used these battery operated fairy lights. (I find putting a real candle in there to be a bit scary so be careful).

## **MACRAME JAR HANGER**



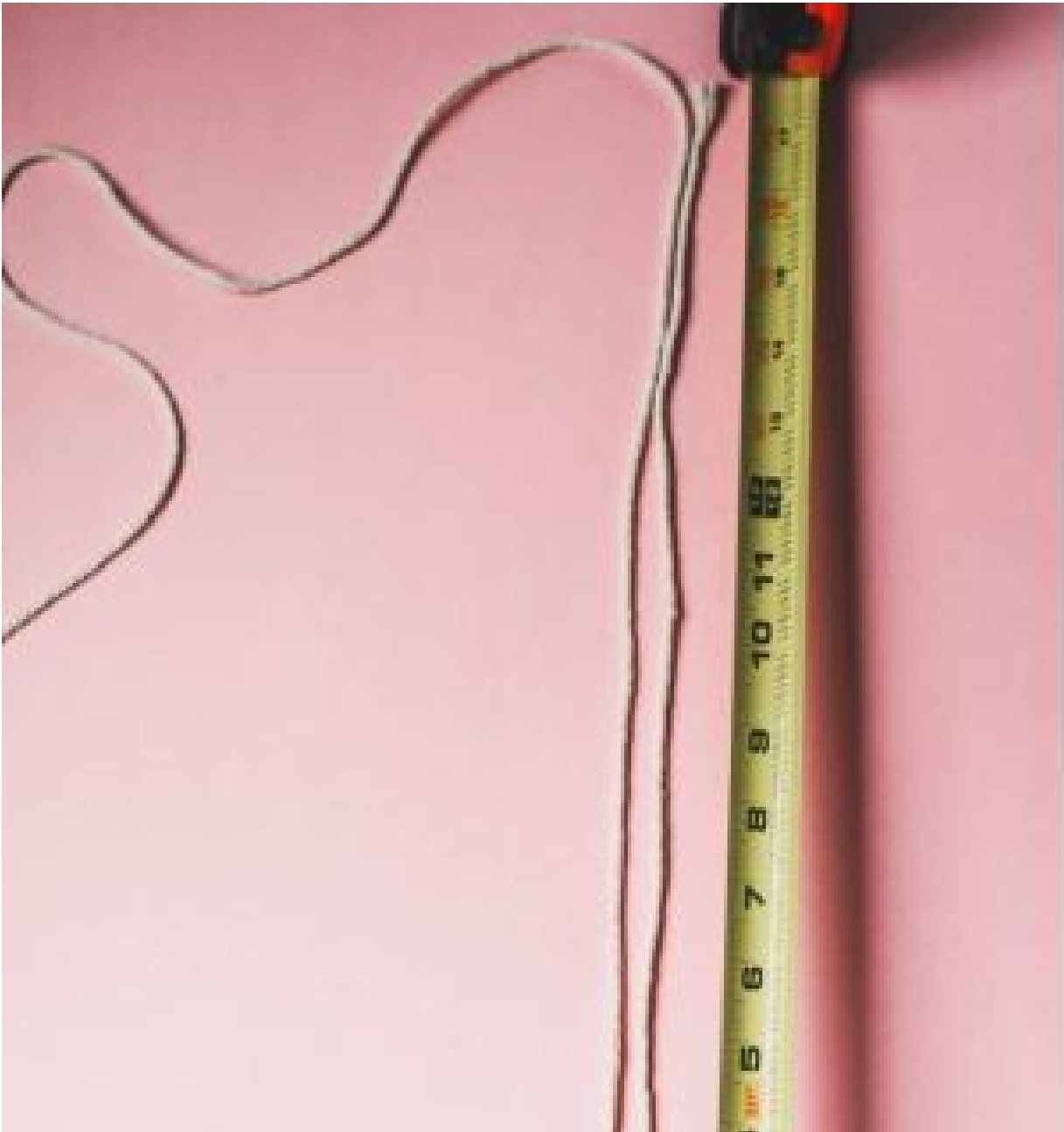
Do you have 5 minutes? That's all this will take.

I separated this out into baby steps but don't let that overwhelm you. Trust me, once you get going, it doesn't take long!

One thing to note which might be obvious but I'm mentioning it anyways: I washed my yogurt jars and took the stickers off. I plan on using a bit of goo gone to get all the sticker residue off but my goo gone is currently packed away.

“Renovation problems.”

Step 1: Measure out your cording. You can make this as long or short as you want. Here’s the exact formula I used which I found on Pinterest somewhere. Length of hanger x 2 + length of jar + 10 inches. I chose 18 inches for my hanger length, so I measured that out with the cord twice, then added on the height of my jar, then added another 10 inches and cut my cord there. I found this length to be MORE than enough!





Step 2 : Now that you have your first piece of cording cut, you want to cut three more pieces the exact same length. For a total of four equal pieces of cording.

Step 3 : Fold the cords in half. Tie a knot at the top of the fold. This will be the cute little hanger part. Clean up the knot by tugging on the cords so it's nice and neat.

Step 4 : Now hang it up on something –

a cabinet knob, a doorknob etc. I found it much easier to tie the knots when it was hanging (although for this tutorial I laid it out so it was easier for you to see.)



Step 5 : Take any two cords and tie a knot a little ways down. Do this with each one until you have something like this. Make the knots even all the way around.



Step 6: Now Take two of the knots you just made and grab one cord from each one of those knots and tie those cords together with another knot. Go all the way around until you have four knots. Make sure they are all equal. This will be your second row of knots and you will see the hanger start forming. This is your light bulb moment!



Step 7: Repeat step 6 and make another, third row of knots. With these little jars, I found three rows of knots to be the best.

Step 8: Put your little jar in there and make sure it fits. If it doesn't, then just adjust your knots a bit or stretch them out as much as you can. If it does fit in there then just tie all the loose ends at the bottom into a big knot. This big knot will be the bottom of your jar hanger.



Step 9 : You can trim the excess hanging from the knot or keep it long. Stuff each jar with the fairy lights. Now hang em' up and enjoy.

You're done!

How dreamy are these?

You can hang them from your outdoor umbrella. I actually hung them from our tree out back and it looked pretty dang amazing.

It's official. I'm obsessed with Macrame now.



These would be perfect for all those summer parties you are planning.

Or, hang them from the ceiling in a kids room for a boho look. It would make a really cute little night light if you get some dimmer fairy lights.

# MACRAME GARLAND

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I've notice that I have more and more natural and rustic elements sneaking into our home. I really don't want it to take over completely but I can't get enough. Natural fibers and wood is my jam right now. It might also have to do with the fact that it is still summer and I'm not ready to let go. Let's see how I feel during winter but you might remember that my Christmas home tour last year was a lot more rustic than usual too.



It's almost like I have something scandi glam rustic boho stuff going on right now but I hate labeling it this way. I know that google likes those labels though because people search for it. Go figure.

So let me show you how to make this simple beginner macrame garland which I'm planning on using in my fall and Christmas decor.

Beginner Macrame Garland With Wood Beads

The products needed are pretty much the same as my last project.

## **MATERIALS NEEDED:**

- macrame yarn (I use this one [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) )
- sharp scissors (I like using hair cutting scissors)
- wood beads (I used these here and some slightly larger ones I had, I lied alternating slightly different sizes)
- hair comb (if you want to brush out the edges again)

## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

I made another video which you can see below and you can also follow my step-by-step instructions as described with the photos:

For my garland I used 23 wooden beads threaded on a 10 foot piece of macrame cord. I wanted it to be long so I could possibly use it on a Christmas tree in the near future.



For my length of garland you need to knot 22 small pieces of macrame altogether.

And when you make one piece of macrame in-between the above wood beads you need to cut 6 pieces of 40 inch macrame yarn which you then have to repeat 22 times or however long you want your garland. I had to cut 132 pieces of 40 inch macrame yarn strings.

Does that make sense?

## **SO I SPECIFICALLY USED:**

- 10 foot piece of yarn (for garland base)
- 23 wooden beads
- 132 pieces of 40 inch macrame yarn

I started out my beginner macrame garland by folding the 40 inch pieces of macrame in half and looping them onto the base string with Lark's Head knots as shown below. My little video shows you how to do this too and it might be easier to follow that than the photos and descriptions.





Make sure to pull them tight and repeat 6 times.

After that you have to make square knots. Be sure to alternate that string which is placed on top.



After making a row, you have to offset the knots so you can create a pyramid at the end.







Then it is time to make diagonal Half Hitch knots on each side of the little macrame triangle/pyramid.



These types of knots are basically loops placed on to the outer string on each side that then meet at the center of the piece.







And then the garland is almost done. You can either chose to leave the garland open or you can tie each macrame off into a little tassel at the bottom which I will show you below.



I love using the garland around flower pots and below it is open:



Below I have the garland tied off into tassels for a change.

# SCANDINAVIAN STYLE KNOTTED TRIVET



Think of Scandinavian design and the words minimal, simple and natural might come to mind. Minimal and simple design and colour palettes. Natural materials and tones. I designed this knotted macrame trivet tutorial with that Scandi design aesthetic in mind.

I made two trivets which can be used individually, or they can nest inside one another. I only used two very simple macrame knots, so this is something easy that you can make for your home or for a gift.



THIS FABULOUS VINTAGE SCANDINAVIAN ENAMEL SAUCEPAN IS PART OF A SET WHICH BELONGED TO MY PARENTS – IT GOES PERFECTLY WITH MY NEW TRIVETS.

## **MATERIALS**



You'll need a wooden embroidery hoop (I used one 5 inch and one 7 inch hoop), some wooden beads, and cotton rope (mine is 4mm cotton sash cord).

You may be surprised at the amount of rope you'll need – I was! The 5 inch embroidery hoop has a circumference of 46 cm (18 inches) and I used 6.4 metres (21 feet) of rope. So the amount of rope I used is almost 14 x the circumference.



## **LET'S GET STARTED**

We will be working with two pieces of rope at the same time – for the 5 inch trivet that means two lengths measuring 320 cm each. Wind

the bulk of the cord up to make it more manageable and secure it with a rubber band.

First image below (top left): Leaving a tail of about 20 cm hold the rope and the hoop with one hand. Pass the rope over the hoop, down through the centre of the hoop, back up the front of the hoop and through the loop you just created.

While still holding the rope in place with one hand tighten the knot, making sure the two lengths of rope are parallel to each other and don't become twisted.

Repeat this knot around the circumference of the hoop. So pass the rope back down through the centre of the hoop, underneath the hoop and back up the front. Then through the loop. Make sure the two ropes are parallel to each other and tighten the knot. Easy.



To finish join the four tails together with a square knot. Straighten the four tails and lay them parallel to each other.

First image below (top left): Take rope number 4, pass it over the two centre ropes and under rope

Second image below (top right): Take rope number 1, pass it under the two centre ropes and up through the loop created by rope 4. Pull the knot tight.

Third image below (bottom left): Take rope number 1, pass it over the two centre ropes and under rope

Fourth image below (bottom right): Take rope number 4, pass it under the two centre ropes and up through the loop created by rope 1. Pull the knot tight.



Add a bead to each of the four rope tails, and tie an overhand knot under the beads. Cut the extra length of the tails off so the beads are placed randomly. Fray the ends of the ropes.

If you'd like the trivets to nest inside each other the smaller one should be made without beads. Simply trim the tails to about 10 cm

(4 inches) long, tie a single knot and tuck the ends under the trivet.  
Secure them with a hot glue gun.

# FABRIC COIL BOWL

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Add a pop of neon to your desk or shelf with these woven coil bowls. They'd also make a lovely handmade gift, perhaps a small bowl with a few rolls of washi tape inside? ... it's not long until Christmas!





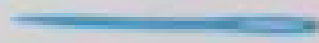
## **YOU'LL NEED:**

Long strips of fabric – anything will work: I used knits, both cotton and acrylic. The pink neon was dirt cheap yardage in a bargain bin and the grey strips are [Zpagetti](#) yarn. You can use fabric scraps, old T shirts or thrifted sheets and tablecloths.

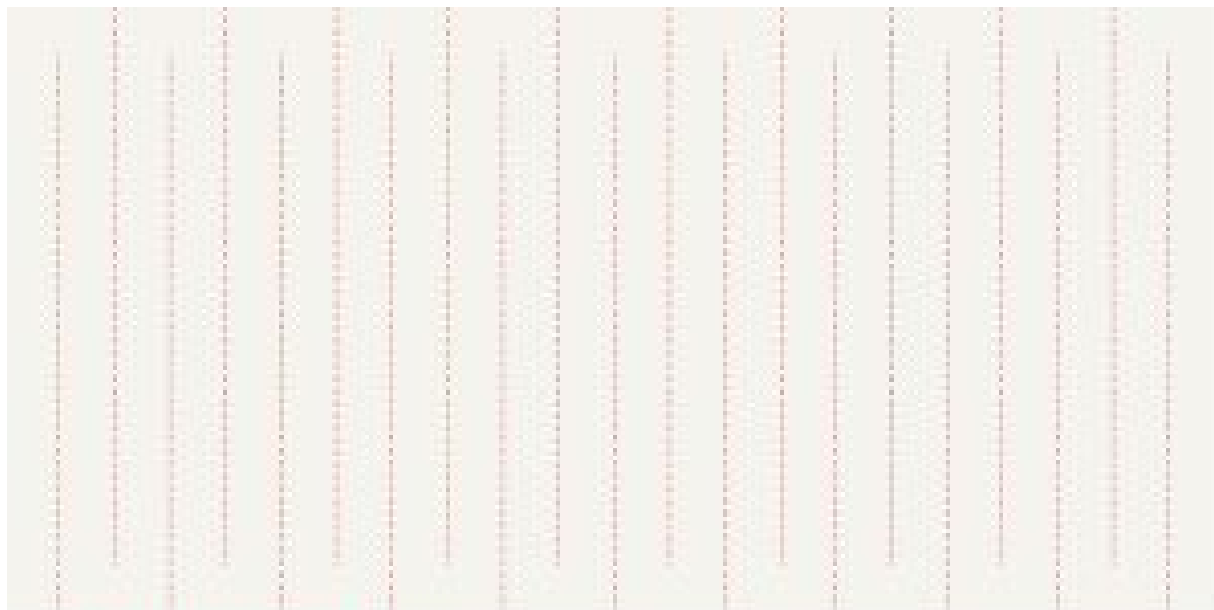
- Cord – the neon orange is ‘Brickie’s Line’ from the hardware store (\$5 for 100 metres) – or you can use more fabric or yarn like I did on the pink bowls. This is what you’ll need the most of. I used about 8 – 10 metres (roughly 8.5 – 11 yards) for the grey bowl and it’s about 14cm (5.5 inches) wide x 8cm (3.5 inches) tall. The quantity in the photo below isn’t a true indication!

- A large yarn needle with a big eye.
- Scissors.





If you are cutting up fabric (T shirts, sheets, fabric yardage, etc) the thicker you cut it the chunkier and quicker your bowl will be. A good size for small bowls is roughly 3.5cm (1.5 inches) wide. The diagram below illustrates how to cut a piece of fabric into a continuous strip. When you've cut the fabric into stretch it in small sections at a time and the fabric will curl into a nice round tube of 'yarn'.



red lines indicate cuts

The instructional photos are for the grey bowl with neon orange stitching, so I'll refer to those colours from now on. Let's begin...

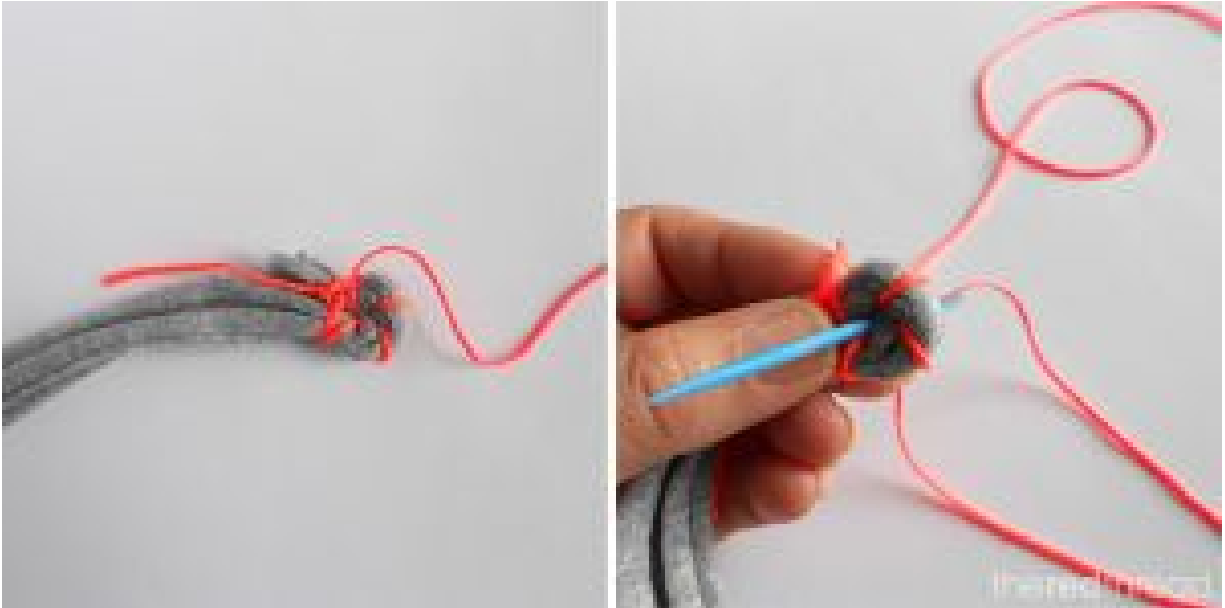
Cut a length of orange cord as long as you can manage it without it getting tangled, and thread the needle with it. Mine was about 2 metres (just under 2 yards).

I used three pieces of grey fabric yarn together to get a good thickness. I cut it to roughly 1.4 metres (4.5 ft) long. If you are using one thickness of your yarn there is no need to cut it, it can remain on the ball/spool. The length of your yarn will depend on whether you want to change colours. It's all fairly free form though you can't make mistakes!

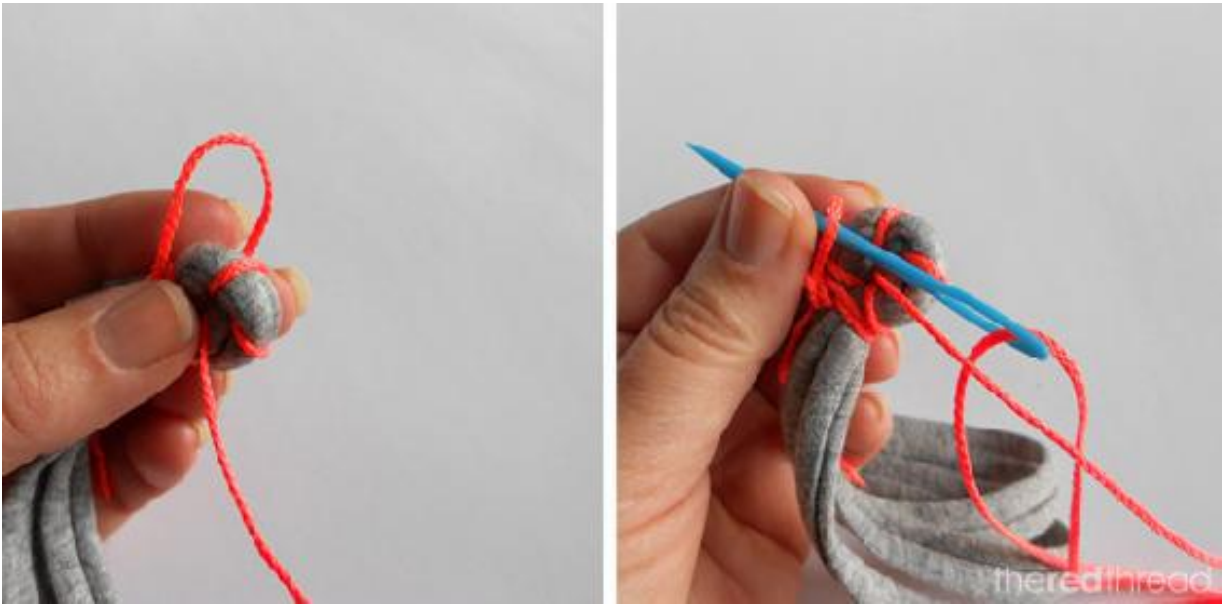
Overlap the ends of the orange cord and the grey yarn. Wrap the cord around the yarn 4 or 5 times.



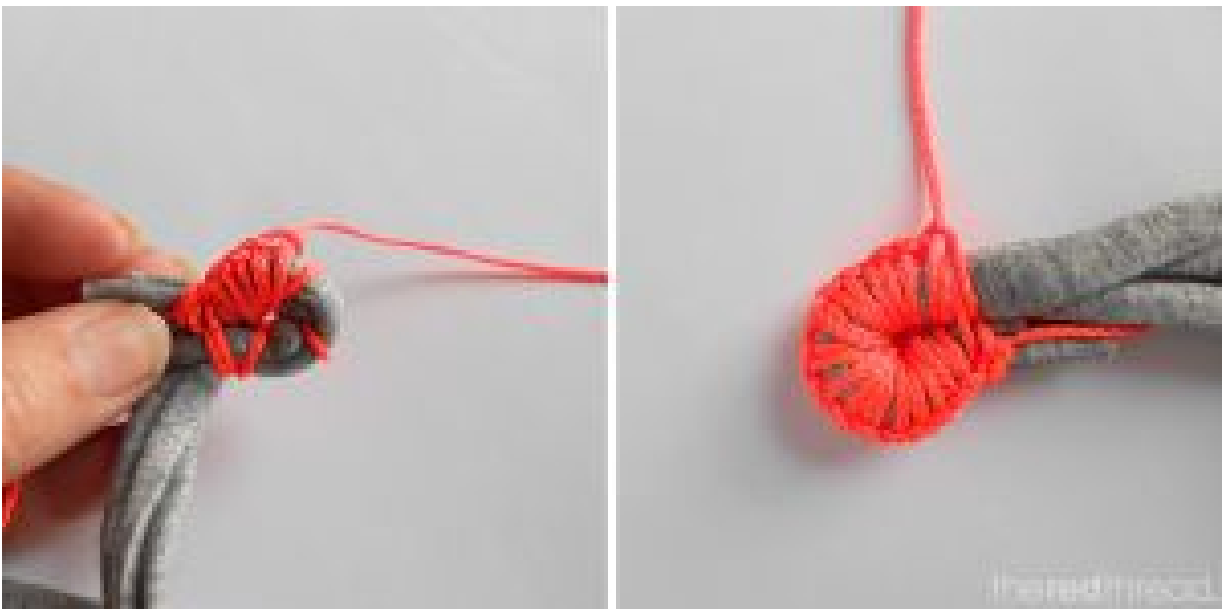
Fold the end of the grey yarn over to form a loop. Keep the hole in the center as small as you can it should be just big enough to fit the needle through as it will get bigger as you stitch around the yarn. Wrap the cord around the base of the yarn loop, leaving a short tail sticking out, and tie a knot. (as in the left hand image below). Hold the yarn as shown with the short tail on top and the long piece of yarn on the bottom. Take the needle around to the back of the loop and pass it through the hole towards you (right hand image).



Don't pull the cord tight leave a loop at the top (as in the image below). Then pass the needle through the loop. Just like blanket stitch.



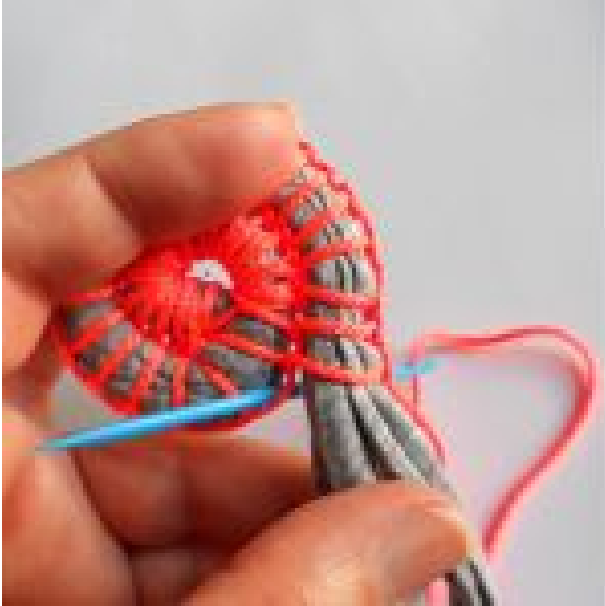
Repeat this stitch all the way around the loop. Needle into the hole from the back to the front. Leave a loop and insert the needle through it. Pull the stitch closed. The stitch needs to be firm but not tight. Keep your stitches close together and work your way around (as in the right hand image below).



Fold over the starting tail of the orange cord and the short tail of the grey yarn with the long grey yarn on top (left hand image below). Your next stitch will go through the top of your very first blanket stitch, instead of through the hole. Take the needle over to the back and bring it through the top of the first blanket stitch. Your next stitch will go through the top of the second blanket stitch. Scroll down to the next photo for a better look at where the needle passes through.



You've done a lot of stitches and will probably run out of cord soon. The photo below on the right shows how to add a new length of cord. Knot the two pieces together so the knot is on the outside of the coil.



Run the tails along the grey yarn and tuck them and the knot in as you continue to stitch (see image below left). As my coil grew I occasionally added an extra stitch when I thought they were getting too far apart. Remember not to pull the stitches too tight, or the base of the bowl won't stay flat.

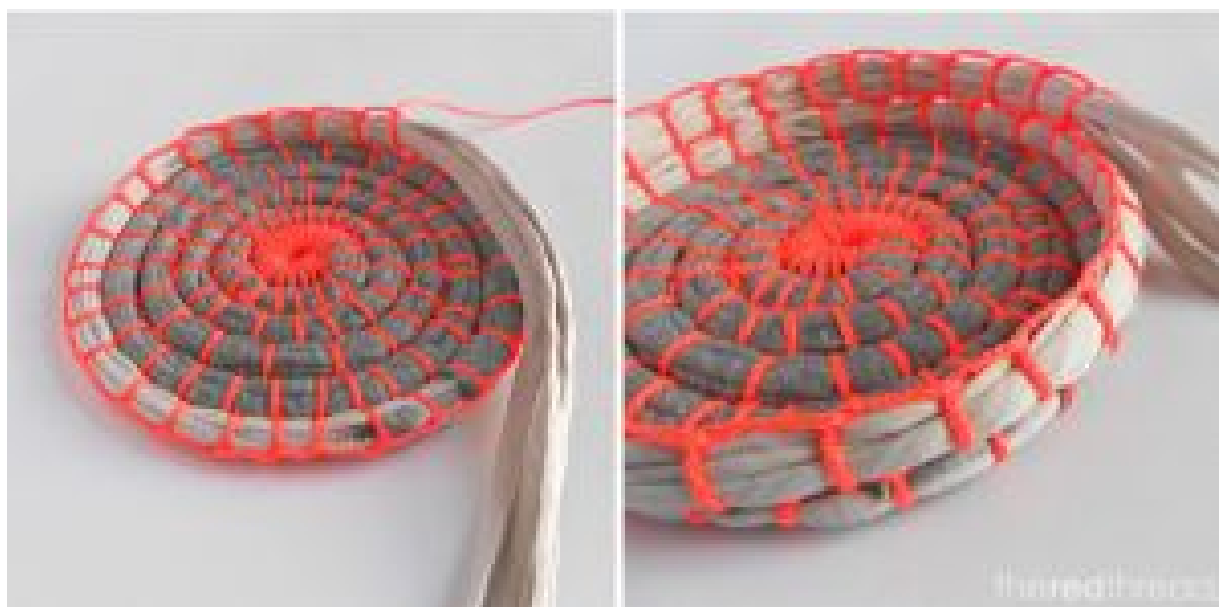
When you run out of yarn or want to change colours all you have to do is overlap the old and the new. As I was using three strands of yarn I cut each one a different length and inserted the new ones into the middle of them, so there wouldn't be bulk all in one place.



As the fabric yarn tends to curl up I opened each piece up and inserted the new one into it. Then just continue on stitching.



When you're happy with the size of the base you can start building up the sides. Make your stitches a little firmer while holding the yarn above the previous coil, instead of next to it. Continue like this until you have reached the desired height.



Finishing off. If you're using more than one strand of yarn cut them at staggered lengths to lessen the bulk. Continue stitching around until

you have just one strand left. Leave a tail of about 10 cm (4 inches) so you have enough to work with.



Weave the tail into one of the vertical stitches in the row below (on the inside of the bowl). Then weave in through a few more stitches in that row and cut the yarn off so the tail isn't sticking out (image on the left below). To finish off the cord do one more stitch to complete the top edge of the bowl then tie a small knot and weave the cord down into the centre of the bowl. Cut the cord and tuck the end in.





And you're done! I find this very addictive and I've made quite a few bowls and baskets of varying sizes now. It's really quite easy once you get started. And it's a great way to upcycle fabric.



# MACRAME SHOWER CURTAIN

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I've been working on our guest bathroom this past month. One of the suggestions Laura had for making a bathroom look more luxe is to get an extra long shower curtain that goes all the way to the floor. It was one of those things I never even thought about, but it made total sense!

So for this DIY, we added macrame trim to a simple/boring curtain that was the right length. The finished result is a custom shower curtain that you can't buy in any store!

Here's how it's done.



## **Supplies:**

- -white shower curtain
- -macrame lace
- -fabric glue or sewing machine
- -fabric scissors
- –Fray Check





Cut a macrame lace strip to be just as wide as the bottom of the curtain. Pin your lace in the location you want it along the bottom of the curtain and use a ruler as you go to make sure the top of the lace is even with the bottom of the curtain.



Using a ruler again, add and pin your next line of lace, and repeat with each layer you want to add.



Use fabric glue along the top edge of each piece of lace to secure, or sew along the top line with a sewing machine.



Add some Fray Check to the ends of all your cut macrame pieces so they don't unravel, and hang up your curtain to see your finished product!



# MACRAME FRINGE TRIM PILLOW

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I've been painfully aware that our bedding could use some serious updating. I legitimately think I would be FAR more likely to make my bed everyday if I loved my bed and slept in a cute room. Can I get an amen?!

I had ordered this neutral linen-ish duvet cover with giant pom-poms at the foot of the bed... which I love (which I just noticed is *totally* on sale). But I needed to add some fluffy pillows to add some texture and interest.

Since the headboard is so detailed and the wall makes such a statement, I knew I wanted to stay super neutral in color with the bedding and pillows, while still pulling in a variety of textures. Because textures are the new black.

I have some fringe that I've picked up at garage sales over time, and I've been itching to use them. And since they have a sort of hippie boho macramé vibe, I decided I definitely wanted to incorporate them into our bedroom décor!



## Supplies:

- Plain linen zipper pillow cover in the dimensions of your pillow insert
- An assortment of decorative fringe-y
- Yard stick
- Fabric scissors
- Washable fabric pen
- Fabric Glue
- Fray Check



I laid out my plain pillow cover. I probably could have ironed it first, but I'm not that kinda girl.

Then I cut my first row of fringe trim to be the exact width of the pillow case. No measuring necessary! Just line em up and cut!







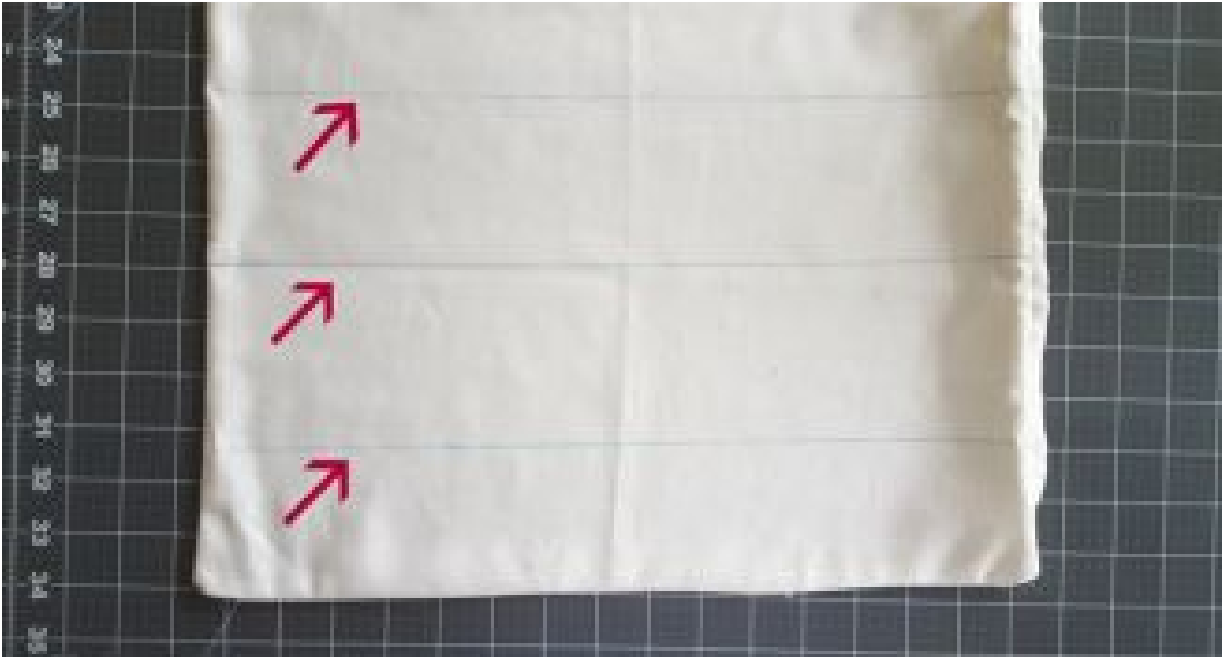
Lay out and cut the rest of your rows of trim to length, and spend some time rearranging them till you get them just how you want them on the finished product!



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Make little marks on the edges of where your line of glue will be, that way when you remove the fringe trim, you can use your yard stick (or anything with a straight edge) to connect the dots and make a straight line across... with your fabric marking pen. (or if your me, you use your kid's crayola marker because it's conveniently within arms reach and it's going to be covered by fringe anyway)



Be sure to follow all the instructions on your fabric glue (I used Liquid Stitch) and squeeze out an even strip of glue across one of your pen lines. Then start at one end and carefully press down the fringe trim as you go. It's ok if it doesn't go down perfect, because you have some time to readjust before the glue dries.

Note! Of COURSE you can use a sewing machine instead of fabric glue for this, but I just didn't want to mess with trying to manipulate the pillow cover in such a way that I wasn't sewing through both layers. You might be a more skilled seamstress than me though, so go for it! Stand back and make sure it's straight and even, adjusting as necessary. Then glue down the rest of your rows the same way!



Stand back and make sure it's straight and even, adjusting as necessary. Then glue down the rest of your rows the same way!



Repeat these steps on the opposite side of your cover so they mirror each other. And use the [Fray Check](#) on the edges to prevent your trim from fraying on ya!



This fabric glue dries to the touch pretty fast, but I gave it a good 24 hours before I messed with it just to be safe.

I actually made two of these in one sitting, because I wanted to try dying one of them just to see how it would turn out! The only time I've ever used [Rit Dye](#) was on this project, so I'm not much of a pro and was a little bit intimidated that I would ruin it. But I think it turned out pretty good! (the color I used was teal). If I had let it soak longer, I'm guessing the fringe would have dyed darker and been closer to the same color as the linen, but I don't mind this monochromatic look too! If you're planning to dye yours, I recommend dying the fringe and pillow cover separately before you affix the fringe trim to the pillow.



I left the other the natural off-white linen color, because that's the look I'm going for with our bedding situation!





# MACRAME plant hanger

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Lately I've been a little obsess about plants. Each Time I run to the hardware store I came out with an extra indoor plant . There is so many corners in the house to fill with greens. As I start to own a good number of plants, I'm always on the look for pretty and affordable planters. If I can't find something I like, I recycle or divert daily objects. You will be surprise how many items you can use as cute planters.

I wanted to add green in our night hall. So I turn 3 ceramic bowls and some rope into a modern macrame hanging planter. This project is quite simple to make, very affordable and will turn any corner into an eye catching decor.

**Material you will need to make your plant hanger:**

- 3 Ceramic bowls
- 30 yards of rope
- A ruler
- A curtain wooden ring
- A pair of scissors
- Super glue
- Some nice plants



You will start by making a rope support to hold each bowl. Cut 8 pieces of rope of 30 inches each.



Make a knot at one end to hold the 8 pieces together. Don't hesitate to tighten!



Take a bowl and place it upside down, put the knot on the center and separate the 8 strings 2 by 2 to make a cross shape. Make a knot, at 2 or 3 inches from the center, to hold every pair of string together.



Take one string from each pair and join them with a knot, the rope between the first and the second row of knots will form a diamond shape.



Once you finish making the 4 knots of the second row, repeat the same process to create a third row of 4 knots.



If you use regular cereal bowl size, three row of knots will be enough to hold them. The rope holder must be large enough to hold the bowl completely into it.



Repeat the previous steps to create a rope support for each bowl. I made a three level planter but it will work as fine with more bowls if you have room for it!

Now you need to attach all your bowl supports together to create your hanging planter. Cut two pieces of rope of 3 yards. Fold them in the middle and make a loop with them, passing the rope through the wooden ring. You must have 4 strings of 1 ½ yard hanging from the ring.





Attach each string with a knot to a first rope support. Try to have the same distance between the ring and each knot you make, help yourself using the ruler and make a small mark on each rope at a distance of 25 inches from the ring. It's important if you want your bowl planters to hold horizontally!

Then attach the second and the third rope support below the first one, leaving a space of approximately 12 inches between each. Cut the extra rope length of each knot if necessary and add a dot of superglue. As the planter can become a little heavy when watering, this will avoid the knots from slipping.



Put your plants into the bowls. As there is no drain hole, you can add some pebbles in the bottom before putting the soil and your plant.

The last thing you need to do, is drilling an hole in the ceiling and screw a hook. Use the wooden ring to hang your rope planter first, and then place your bowls planters into each rope support.

Enjoy you new green decor!

# MACRAMÉ WALL HANGING

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The latest bohemian decor trend has brought with it the return of macramé. Macramé is the art of knotting rope or cord to form patterns and was all the rage in the '70s. These intricately crafted pieces have made a comeback and can be found everywhere. If you want to embrace this bohemian look without the high cost, try your hand at DIY macramé.

Macramé can seem like a daunting craft at first, so we've created a macramé wall hanging DIY for beginners. The macramé tutorial only uses four types of common macramé knots and we give step-by-step instructions on how to create each one. We've also included style inspiration to show you how to display this unique macramé wall hanging.

Let's get started!

**Knots you'll need:**

- Lark's head knot
- Square knot
- Double square knot
- Double half hitch knot

## **How to Tie a Lark's Head Knot**

Step 1: Fold the cord in half.

Step 2: Push the folded side of the loop away from you and over the edge of the object (ring or dowel).

Step 3: String the ends of the cord through the loop and pull tight.

Used in: macrame tutorial [step 2](#)

## **How to Tie a Square Knot**

Step 1: Place four cords in front of you.

Step 2: Cross the rightmost cord over the two middle cords so that it forms a "D" shape.

Step 3: Pull the leftmost cord toward you and then guide it under the end of the rightmost cord, behind the two middle cords, and through the middle of the "D" shape.

Step 4: Tighten the cords.

Step 5: Repeat, this time starting with the leftmost cord. Guide the rightmost cord behind the middle two cords and through the "D" shape.

Step 6: Tighten the knot.

Used in: macrame tutorial [step 3](#) and [step 5](#)

## **How to Tie a Double Square Knot**

This knot is the same as the square knot, it just has twice as many cords.

Step 1: Place eight cords in front of you.

Step 2: Cross the two rightmost cords over the four middle cords so that it forms a “D” shape.

Step 3: Lightly pull the two leftmost cords toward you and then guide them under the end of the two rightmost cords, behind the back of the middle four cords, and through the point that the two rightmost cords made.

Step 4: Tighten the cords.

Step 5: Repeat, this time starting with the two leftmost cords. Guide the two rightmost cords behind the middle four cords and through the backwards “D” shape.

Step 6: Tighten the knot.

Used in: macrame tutorial step 5

## **How to Tie a Double Half Hitch Knot**

In this macramé tutorial, we’ll be tying this knot around a hoop and at a diagonal.

Step 1: Start with your cord hanging behind the hoop.

Step 2: Take the end of the the cord, pull it toward you, then loop it over the hoop and pull to the left.

Step 3: Repeat this step once more, pulling the end of the cord up though the loop you’ve created.

Step 4: Tighten.

Used in: macrame tutorial step 4 step 6 and step 7

## **Macramé Wall Hanging Tutorial**



What you'll need:

- 160 feet of macramé cord (3mm thick)
- Scissors
- 10-inch gold hoop
- 14-inch gold hoop
- Tape measure

*Step 1: Cut the macramé cord into sixteen 10-foot pieces.*



Use the tape measure to measure out 10 ft of cord. Once you cut one piece, you can use that to measure out the rest.

*Step 2: Tie 16 lark's head knots onto the 10-inch hoop.*



Fold a piece of cord in half and tie a lark's head knot around the 10-inch hoop. Repeat this for all 16 pieces of macramé cord.

*Step 3: Create 7 rows of square knots, alternating between tying 7 and 8 knots.*





When following this tutorial, the 1st cord is the leftmost cord.

Row 1: Start with 1st cord — tie 8 [square knots](#)

Row 2: Start with 3rd cord — tie 7 square knots

Row 3: Start with 1st cord — tie 8 square knots

Row 4: Start with 3rd cord — tie 7 square knots

Row 5: Start with 1st cord — tie 8 square knots

Row 6: Start with 3rd cord — tie 7 square knots

Row 7: Start with 1st cord — tie 8 square knots

*Step 4: Attach each of the 32 cords to the bottom of the 14-inch hoop with a double half hitch knot.*



Row 8: Start with 1st cord — tie 32 double half hitch knots to the hoop.

*Step 5: Continue tying square knots and double square knots for 16 more rows.*



Row 9: Start with 1st cord — tie 8 [square knots](#)

Row 10: Start with 3rd cord — tie 3 square knots, skip 4 cords, tie 3 square knots

Row 11: Start with 1st cord — tie 3 square knots, skip 8 cords, tie 3 square knots

Row 12: Start with 3rd cord — tie 2 square knots, skip 2 cords, tie 1 [double square knot](#) , skip 2 cords, tie 2 square knots

Row 13: Start with 1st cord — tie 3 square knots, skip 8 cords, tie 3 square knots

Row 14: Start with 3rd cord — tie 3 square knots, skip 4 cords, tie 3 square knots

Row 15: Start with 1st cord — tie 8 square knots

Row 16: Start with 3rd cord — tie 7 square knots

Row 17: Start with 1st cord — tie 8 square knots

Row 18: Start with 3rd cord — tie 7 square knots

Row 19: Start with 5th cord — tie 6 square knots

Row 20: Start with 7th cord — tie 5 square knots

Row 21: Start with 9th cord — tie 4 square knots

Row 22: Start with 11th cord — tie 3 square knots

Row 23: Start with 13th cord — tie 2 square knots

Row 24: Start with the 15th cord — tie 1 square knot

*Step 6: Tie 16 Diagonal Half Hitch Knots Starting With The Rightmost Cord.*



A diagonal half hitch knot is the same as a regular, but instead of tying it around the hoop you'll be tying it around another string. Take the rightmost cord (32nd) and cross it over the other cords to the left. Start with the 31st cord and tie 15 half hitch knots to the 32nd cord.

Row 25: Start with the 31st cord — tie 15 diagonal half hitch knots to the left.

*Step 7: Tie 16 diagonal half hitch knots starting with the leftmost cord.*



Repeat the previous step on the opposite side. Cross the leftmost cord over the cords to the right and tie half hitch knots to the cord.

Row 25: Start with the 1st cord — tie 16 diagonal half hitch knots to the right.

*Step 8: Trim the end of the cords.*



*Step 9: Hang and enjoy!*

# LEATHER PLANT HANGER

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Everyone in the Design Sponge office is jumping up and down because we just had some beautiful BIG plants delivered today! We can't wait to show you how everything is shaping up, but right now, we only have plants on the brain. Last week, I created a simple tiered design for multiple plants, and today I'm thrilled to share this leather hanging planter tutorial from Steven Soria of Make Smith Leather Co. Based in Santa Barbara, CA, Steven is a third

generation leather craftsman, and his love of the material shines through in this project.

Inspired by Japanese paper folding, Steven has created a circular template that pops up like magic into this three-dimensional plant sling. I love the little details on the strands and the effortless, California coastal look of these.

This project was appealing to me because of the process involved. I enjoy working with leather as a sculptural form. When you wet natural leather, it becomes really malleable like clay, and you can sculpt various shapes. The cutting techniques are in a similar vein to traditional Japanese paper folding: When you cut along the lines and fold in certain spots, out pops a really great form. I like that, too. I think those “A-Ha” moments are what draw me to this type of project it’s like being a kid with a pop-up book! I grew up with a very similar pattern as a kid working on various craft projects. I ended up altering this one quite a bit, making new sizes for different sized pots, hanging styles, etc. Steven

## **Materials**

- purified water
- vellum tracing paper (8.5” by 11” at the art supply store)
- 4 pieces of long rope strands, leather laces, hemp twine, etc. (3–4 feet)
- leather dye (optional) & gloves
- 1 square foot of veg-tanned tooling leather (12” by 12”)
- masking or packing tape
- dull pencil
- carpet knife and/or X-Acto knife
- computer and printer (for printing template)
- template
- sponge for wetting and dyeing

## **Instructions**

1. Prep: Print out the plant hanger pattern onto 8.5" by 11" vellum paper.



2. Placement: Lay the pattern down on the leather and find the perfect placement to transfer the pattern (not too close to the sides, and avoid any blemishes in the leather).





3. Softening the leather: Wet the leather somewhat evenly by dipping the sponge down into the purified water, then blot the water onto the leather. Repeat this step at least three times until the leather looks like it can't take any more water. This will soften the leather and allow us to press our pattern into it easily.



4. Transferring the pattern: Now, place the Vellum pattern down on the leather and tape it in place. With your dull pencil, draw on top of the printed lines with a medium weight, pressing into each and every line. This will press the pattern into the softened leather.



5. Cutting: Now, pull the pattern off the leather to reveal the impressions you have made on the surface. Using the carpet knife or X-Acto, start cutting onto and into the impressed lines all the way through. Cut every line including the outside perimeter line.





6. Dyeing: Note -This step is optional, depending on the color desired and materials at hand. In our case, we are dyeing this one dark brown. Once the leather has dried for at least an hour, apply the desired dye. I recommend Tandy's Leather Factory Eco-Flo Dye, it's water based, low VOC and meant for use on natural veg-tanned leather. Apply the dye with a sponge while wearing gloves until the desired effect is achieved.

7. Casing and Shaping: As the leather is drying, pull at the leather a bit to expose those cut marks you made. You will begin to see the leather take a new shape. Keep pulling and stretching the leather to create the basket shape that it will soon dry to be in a stiffened form. This shaping of wet leather and drying process is called "casing."





8. Suspending: Once the leather is completely dry and you have your plant basket shape, punch four holes in the top to run the ropes through. You want to place the holes evenly apart from each other so that the leather plant basket hangs evenly. Tie a knot at each rope so it cannot pull through. Note — You can use leather lacing, twine, or anything you desire.



9. Styling: Add tassels, beads, rivets whatever you want to achieve the style you are envisioning. Macramé would be an added bonus to this project!







10. Mounting: At the top of the hanging ropes, grab all four strands and tie them into a knot. You can use this knot to hook onto a ceiling mounting hook and/or a ring. At this time, adjust to the proper height for the basket to hang.



You're done!

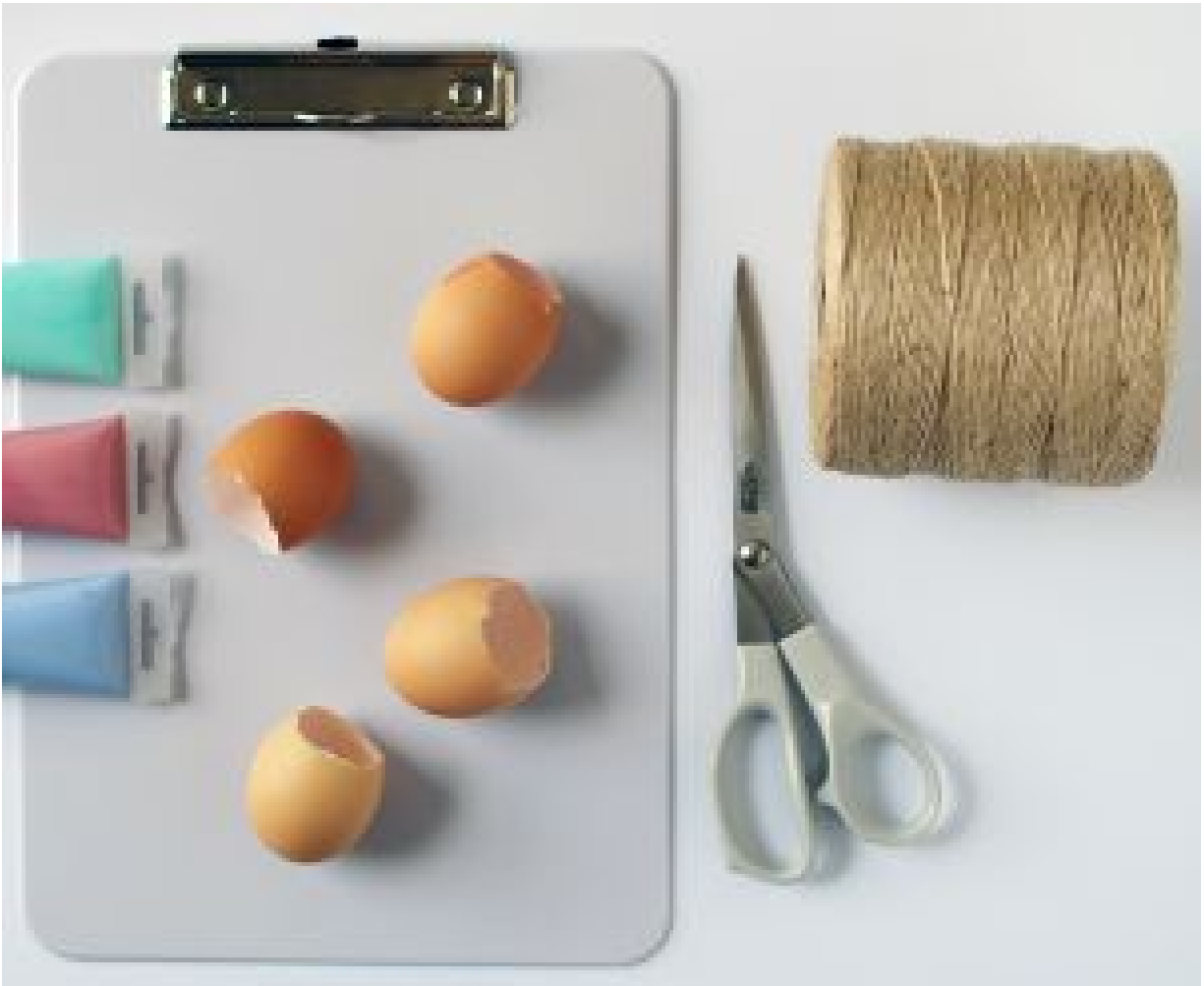


# MINI MACRAME SUCCULENT EGG DECORATIONS

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I've been thinking about a simple and contemporary way to add a little Christmas decoration to my home as I don't really want bunnies and eggs everywhere! These mini succulent egg decorations fit the bill nicely for me with a bit of macrame, some dip dyeing, cute succulents, and of course eggs.

## Supplies



- Eggs.
- Acrylic craft paint.

- Paint brush.
- Clipboard.
- Jute twine.
- Scissors.
- Mini succulents.

## **Step 1: Prepare The Egg Shells**

Crack open the uncooked eggs by tapping a few times to crack the shell, then cut through with a serrated knife. Position the cut so you remove the top quarter of the egg shell. It's a good idea to cut a couple of extra shells just in case they break.

Tip the eggs into a bowl and wash inside and outside of the shell in soapy water. Set the shells aside to dry and make yourself an omelette.

When the shells are completely dry, paint the bottom section in a solid colour. You'll need two to three coats of paint to achieve an opaque finish (the photo below shows how they'll look after only one coat). Allow the paint to dry between coats - you can use a hair dryer to speed things up. Set the painted shells aside while you make the macrame hangers.



## **Step 2: Cut the Jute**

Cut three lengths of jute measuring 130cm (51 inches) and one piece measuring 160cm (63 inches). Note: if you are planting a tall cactus, add an extra 20cm (8 inches) to these measurements.

Align the ends of all pieces and fold the three shorter pieces in half. Secure the jute on the clipboard as shown below. One end of the long piece will remain unsecured.



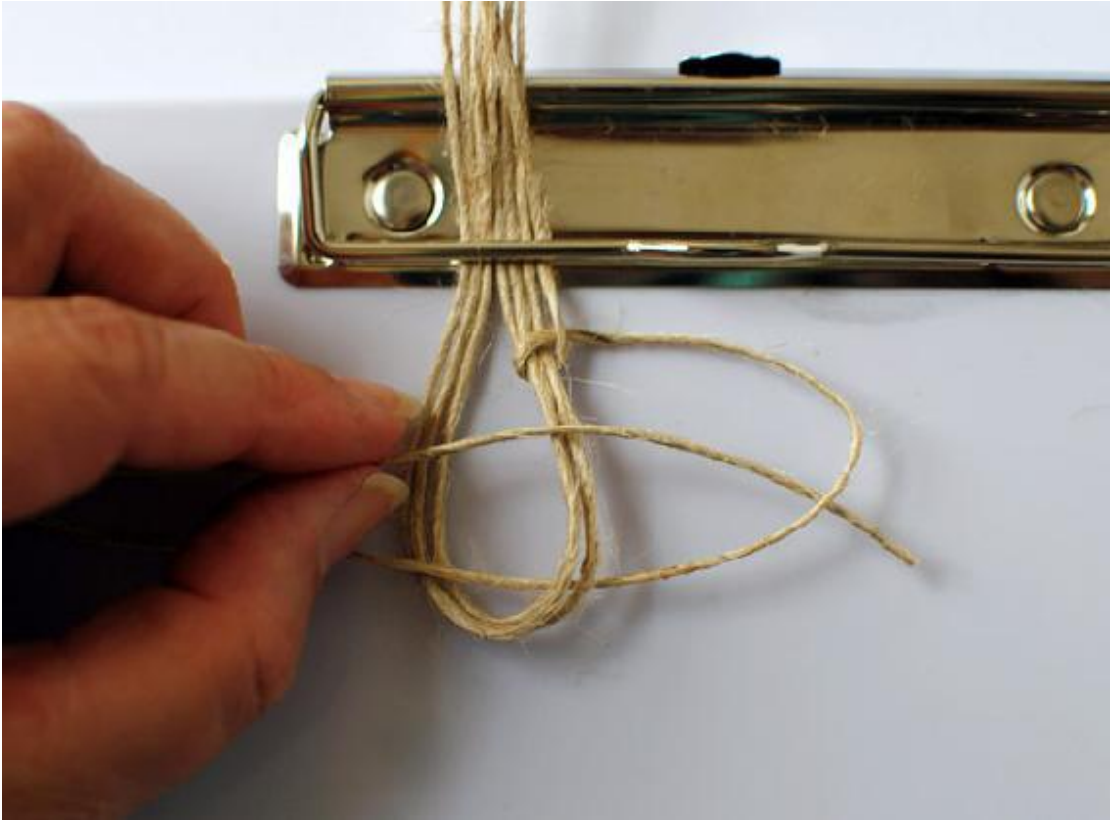
### **Step 3: Knot The Hanging Loop**

The hanging loop is created by tying a series of the same knot.

Pass the loose piece of jute under the first three pieces and up through the centre hole. (The photo below shows the first knot completed and the start of the second knot.)



Then pass it back over the three pieces and down through the loop.







Pull the knot tight. Repeat.



Continue until you have tied 20 knots. Remove from the clipboard.



#### **Step 4: Secure the Loop**

Secure the knotted loop to the clipboard. Take the piece of jute on the far right hand side and pass it over all the central pieces, then under the piece on the far left.



Take the piece of jute on the far left-hand side and pass it under all the central pieces, then up through the loop and over the piece on the far right. Pull the knot tight.

That completes half the first knot.



The second half of the knot repeats the process, but you start with the left-hand piece first.

Take the piece of jute on the far left-hand side and pass it under all the central pieces, then over the piece on the far right.

Take the piece of jute on the far right hand side and pass it over all the central pieces, then up through the loop and under the piece on the far left. Pull the knot tight.

That completes one knot, and it will look like the photo below.



Now tie another complete knot.



### **Step 5: Make the Basket for the Egg**

Bring the two outer pieces of jute down so they are parallel with the others. Divide the jute into four groups of two, making sure you group pieces that are next to each other. Measure 18cm (7 inches) down from the secured loop and tie a knot in each group.



Divide the the groups again, making sure you group pieces that are next to each other. Measure 5cm (2 inches) down from the knots and tie a knot in each group. Start with the three central groups, as in the photo below, then tie the two outer pieces together.





## **Step 6: Knot the Base**

Move the jute up on the clipboard so that the last group of knots are just above the clip.



Starting 2.5cm (1 inch) down from the knots, tie four knots using the instructions in step 4.



To finish off, tie a knot with all the pieces of jute. Cut the ends so you leave a tassel of about 15cm (6 inches).



## **Step 7: Plant and Hang the Succulents**

Carefully plant the succulents in the egg shells.

Open up the basket and place the egg inside.





These egg decorations are light enough to hang on the smallest 3M removable hooks, so they'll be easy to take down after Christmas but they look so cute I'm just going to leave mine up!

# EASY NO WEAVE, DIY WALL HANGING

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Looking for a super adorable, low-cost wall decor concept? Well, just look no further! Today, I'm going to share with you how I created this simple swag (no weave) wall hanging with cups for less than \$4 and the greatest portion? You can create it as large or as tiny as you want it to be.

**HERE'S WHAT YOU'LL NEED:**

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- 1.5-2 balls of yarn, I used Peaches and Creme Twists 3-56.7G, Candy Sprinkles
- 1 stick ( I used a Smorstix Marshmallow Roasting Stick, Set of 4 – Walmart.comwith pointed end cut off)
- Scissors
- Hot glue gun
- Cardboard





1. Cut 10 (or more) pieces of yarn in groups of different lengths, starting short and increasing it by 1-2 " per group of yarn. The groups of yarn that I used started at 6.5 inches and increased to 42 ' for the last grouping. (To cut the yarn, evenly and in bulk, see below under TASSELS)
2. Gather your first group of yarn pieces and line up the edges.



3. Squeeze a thin line of hot glue slightly off center onto your stick.



4. Use your finger to carefully press the edges of the yarn down. Slightly wrapping the edges behind the stick.



5. Continue adding your groups of ten (increasing in length, per group) onto the stick.





6. Swoop the opposite end of your yarn grouping over and attach to the stick with glue, creating a swag, like 90's curtains, remember those? Continue doing this, ensuring that each grouping of yarn hangs lower /longer that the previous one.



7. Flip the wall hanging over and trim excess yarn, gluing down any stray pieces if necessary.



8. And you're done, you can hammer two nails and rest the stick on them to hang or you can tie string to each side and hang from an additional piece of yarn.



OR . . . . YOU CAN FURTHER EMBELLISH IT, AS I DID . . . WITH TASSELS!



**TO MAKE YARN TASSELS:**



1. Grab a piece of cardboard. Wrap your yarn around 30-40 times to get a nice, decent sized tassel. (this method can also be used to cut the yarn neatly, in general. for step 1

of this tutorial, just use different sized pieces of cardboard to achieve the different lengths of yarn)

2. Thread a piece of yarn under the wrapped yarn and pull to the top. Cut the yarn at the edge of the cardboard
3. Tie a knot.
4. Wrap a piece of yarn around the top of the tassel and tie. And you're done!





HANG BY STAGGERING 3 TASSELS ON EACH END OF THE STICK, HERE YOU CAN REALLY BE AS CREATIVE AS YOU LIKE!

# DIY MODERN FALL WREATH EASY

## FALL HOOP WREATH

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This DIY modern fall wreath is the perfect way to welcome cooler days! Learn how to make your own beautiful hoop wreath in just a few easy steps. This post was originally shared at [Crafts Unleashed](#), and may contain affiliate links, which allow me to earn a small commission at no additional cost to you. Thanks!





It's not quite officially fall yet, but we are almost there! September is usually the hardest month of the year for me here in Vegas because everyone else in the country is embracing fall and we are over here sweating in the 100s. Luckily, this year we've had some rain which has cooled things down a bit, and that has just made me even more excited for fall! I decided it was time to switch up the wreath on the front door, and this pretty little modern fall wreath is what I came up with.

It is definitely on the subtle side with its autumnal appeal, but I am a firm believer that things don't have to be all brown, orange, and pumpkins to give a fall vibe. Do you agree? One of my favorite fall color combos is peach and gray, and this little hoop wreath puts that combination to work, so it feels very fall to me. Here's a little side by side of my spring wreath and my fall wreath for comparison:



They are similar, but I think they do create a different feeling or mood. The spring wreath is a bit more vibrant while the fall version's color palette is more muted. I also think the addition of the chunky,

wooly yarn cozies things up for fall. What do you think? Looking at that side by side, I think I may need to add a leather strap to the fall version!

Ready to make your own modern fall wreath? This baby is super easy and can be put together in less than an hour. Let's do this!



## **MODERN FALL WREATH SUPPLIES:**

- 14 " Metal Macrame Ring
- Yarn (I used All Things You Acrylic and Wool Blend in Fleece White and All Things You Acrylic Baby Yarn in Soft Grey)
- Scissors

- Faux Florals (I used two peach peonies and a bundle of succulent branches)
- Felt
- Floral Wire
- Wire Cutters
- Hot Glue Gun

## **HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN MODERN FALL WREATH:**

### *STEP ONE – YARN FRINGE*

Start off by cutting your yarn into several long pieces. Your cuts need to be at least twice as long as the final fringe. I used both a chunky white yarn and a light gray baby weight yarn, and really like the look of the two together. Feel free to use whatever colors and yarn weights you like this is a great time to dig through your stash and experiment!

Once all your pieces are cut, it's time to attach them to the hoop. Fold one length in half, wrap the folded end over the ring, pull the tails of the yarn through the loop (see the image below), and pull to tighten. I alternated the white and gray yarn somewhat randomly.



If you like, use your scissors to trim up the yarn after you are done attaching it to the hoop. I trimmed mine up to all about the same length. I liked the look of a little variation in length, but that is definitely not the only way to do it! You could also try a super straight line or staggered lengths (similar to my crocheted wall hanging).

### *STEP TWO – ATTACH FLORALS*

When you are happy with your yarn, it's time to attach those florals! I like to always start with a little greenery for my base. For this wreath I chose these succulent branches because I thought their gray-green color was kind of perfect for fall. I started by attaching the branches to the hoop using some floral wire, which keeps them securely attached. Next, I added a few drops of hot glue to keep them perfectly positioned. I made sure to keep the wire where it would be hidden behind the big peonies I had selected for the wreath.



Next, pull your big flowers off of their stems and use hot glue to position them on the branches and hoop. *Don't forget to be careful not to burn your fingers!* After your big blooms are in position, flip your entire wreath over. Cut a small piece of felt and glue it over the flower backs to keep everything secure and covered.



***STEP THREE – HANG!***

And that's pretty much all there is to this cute wreath. I just used a length of yarn to hang it here, but I'm seriously thinking I need to

steal the leather strap from my spring wreath.





# MODERN GOLD WALL HANGING WITH TASSELS



I've had this project on my mind for months! I'm happy it's complete. It turned out even better than I imagined.



## Here are the materials you need:

- 2 x Macrame cotton cord (3mm 50 yds)
- 3 x [Household twine](#)
- 30 x 1/4 " brass tubing
- clear braiding bands
- 3/4 " x 36 " wood dowel ( [walnut](#) or source at your local craft store)



Step 1 – Start prepping an assembly line. First, wrap 30 bunches of twine consisting of at least 30-35 individual strands each by about 16" in length. Next, cut 30 strands of macrame cord each 3' in length.



Step 2 – Make the tassels. Take one bunch of twine and trim the edges off with your scissors. Tuck one strand of the macrame cord in the center of the bunch, then wrap an elastic band around the ends. I chose to wrap two bands on each tassel, but one is probably enough. Then, trim the opposite end of the bunch of twine, and flip it up side down.



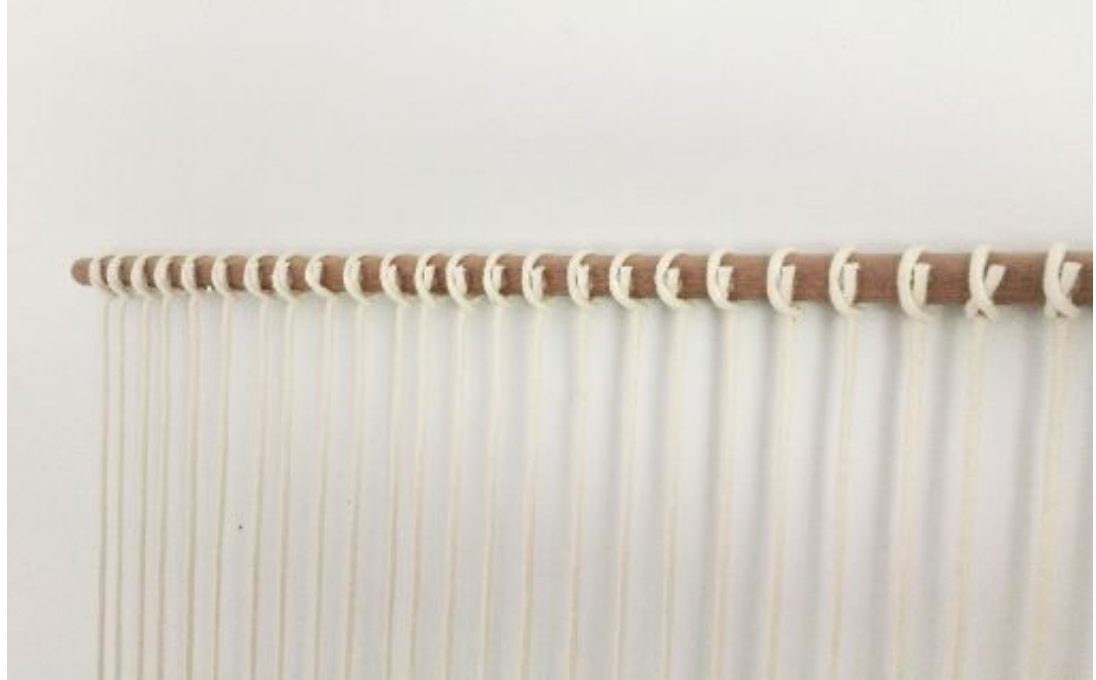
Step 3 – Thread the brass tubing on each strand of macrame cord then tie around the wooden dowel.



Step 4 – Tape the design you're going for on the wall, then reposition each strand so that the top of the brass tubing hits the tape.



Step 5 – Turn the entire wall hanging around so you see the backside of the knots. Glue the knots against the dowel, then trim the excess cord and flip the wall hanging back around.







Untangle the tassels and trim the ends as needed.

# MACRAME WALL HANGING

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What makes up this macramé, A puffy wool beauty with tassels and fringe to be exact. But after a lot of research and some cost comparisons, I sadly moved on. Those babies are pretty pricey. And a giant loom and some wool roving won't save you much if you're a more cost-conscious DIYer. *Womp womp* .

So, on to the next best thing: macramé.



## How To Make A Macrame Wall Hanging

Unlike a lot of the macramé wall hangings you see, this one actually *is* simple. It doesn't require a ton of different knots, counting rows, or measuring spaces. You can always add those things if you want to make it more interesting (a quick Google search will land you a ton of tutorials) but you don't have to. And, honestly, a lot of the "simple" tutorials on the internet scare me. The instructions are long and super complicated, and they make my head hurt just trying to decipher 'em.

I prefer the simplicity of a single knot pattern with subtle tassels at the bottom. I wanted to mimic the look of those woven wall hangings I love so much, only with cotton cord instead of wool and a loom. And I didn't want it to take forever and a day to finish.



Because this one's so simple, it's perfect for gifting this holiday season! Seriously, you can make yours as small or as large as you want, just by adjusting the length of the cord and the number of rows. The large one I made took me about 3 hours start to finish, but a smaller one could take less than an hour. If you plan to make a few for holiday gifts, I recommend sticking with the smaller ones or you might tire out partway through.

On the other hand, if you're a fan of knitting, you know how meditative the process can be. Just set up shop with a cup of tea and a good TV show and zone out for a bit. It might even help you unwind after a long day at the office.



## Supplies

- Wooden dowel
- 1 – 2 skeins 3mm macramé cord

- Scissors

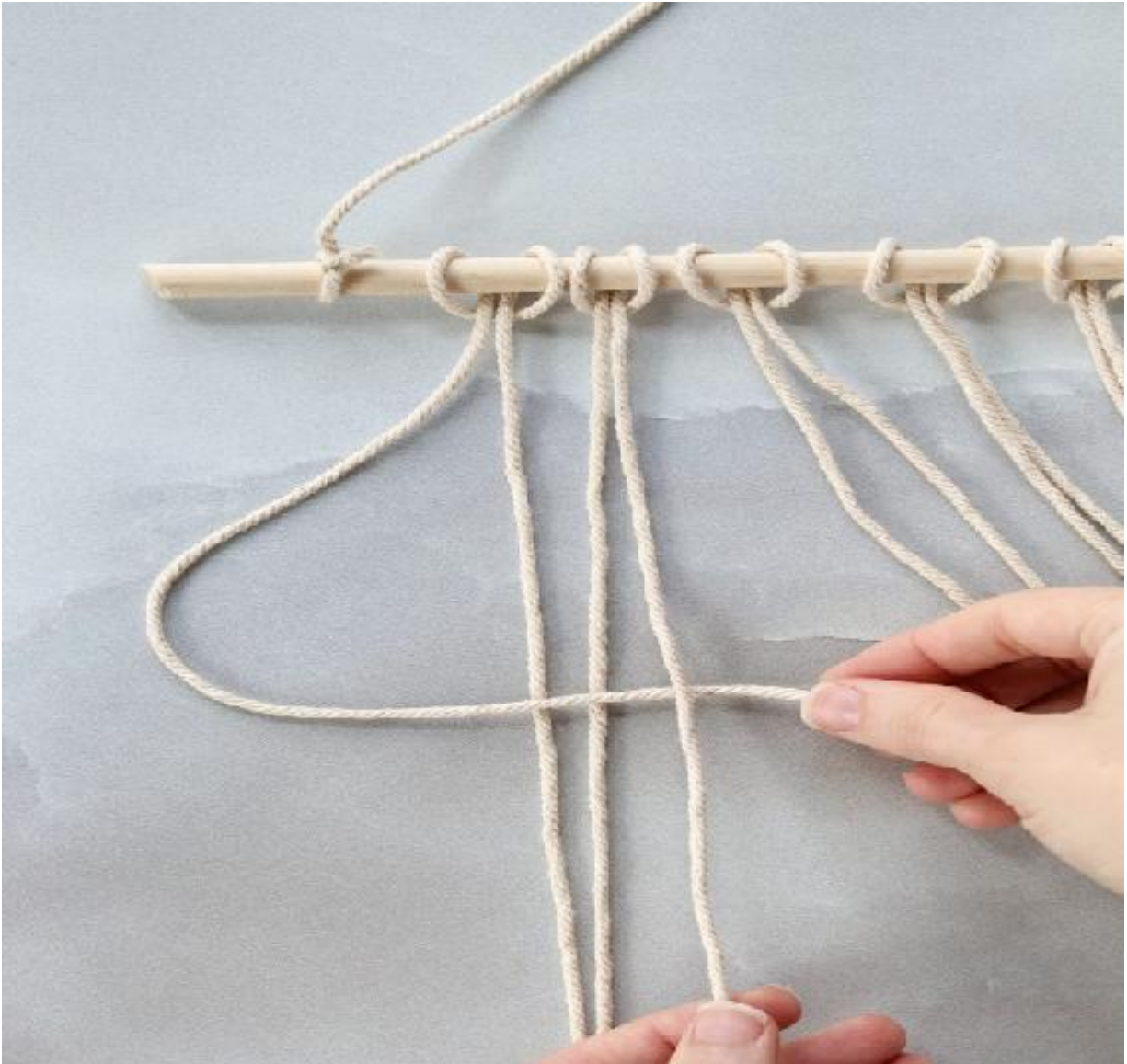
## **Instructions**

1. First, cut a piece of rope about 1-2 inches longer than your dowel and tie a knot on each end. This will be the string to hang your piece when you're done.
2. Next, measure the cord for your wall hanging. For a large hanging, cut 24 pieces of macramé cord about 120 inches each. The length will depend on the overall size of your piece, so for a smaller piece, cut shorter pieces of string.



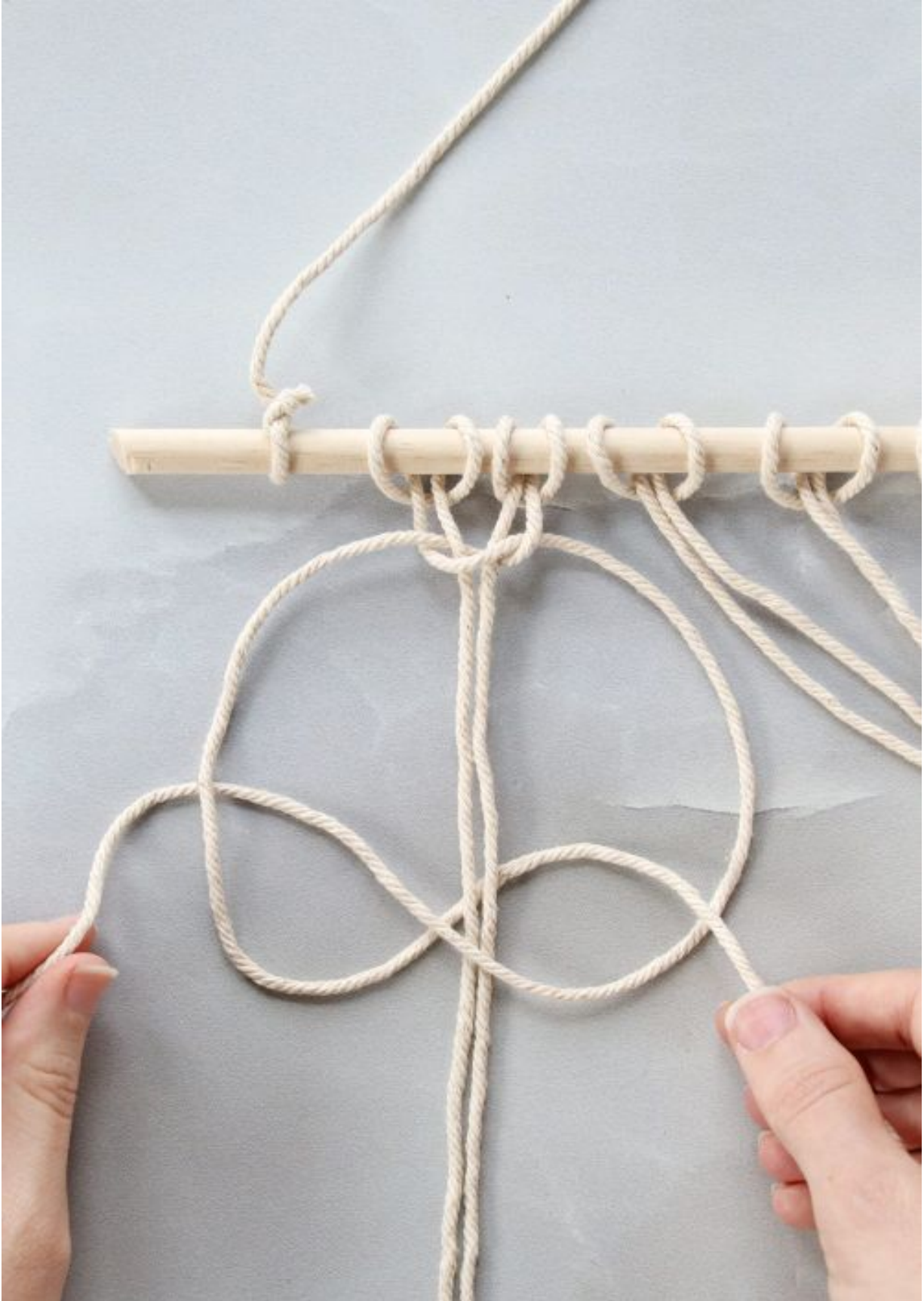


3. To attach the cord to your dowel, fold each piece of string in half. Place this folded loop underneath your dowel. Then feed the cut ends of string over the dowel and through the loop (this is called a Larkhead Knot). Pull tightly. Do this for all remaining pieces of string.



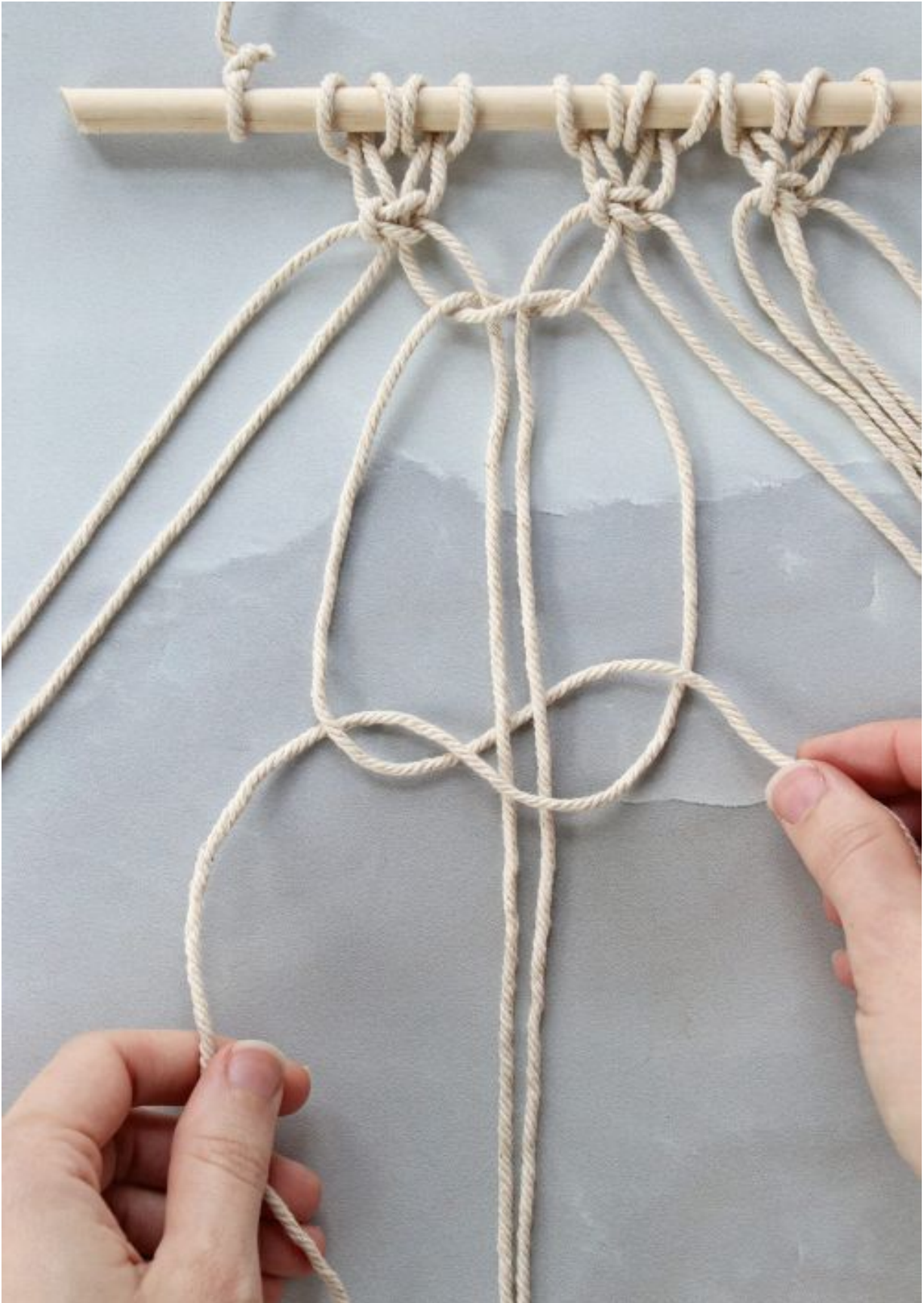
4. To make the hanging we'll use square knots to form a sort of mesh pattern. Starting on the far left side, take the first four pieces of string and separate them so you have one string on the left, two in the middle, and one on the right.

5. Take the string on the left and bend it so it makes a '4' *over* the two cords in the middle and *underneath* the cord on the right. Bring the right cord *under* the two center cords and *over* the left cord. Pull tightly.



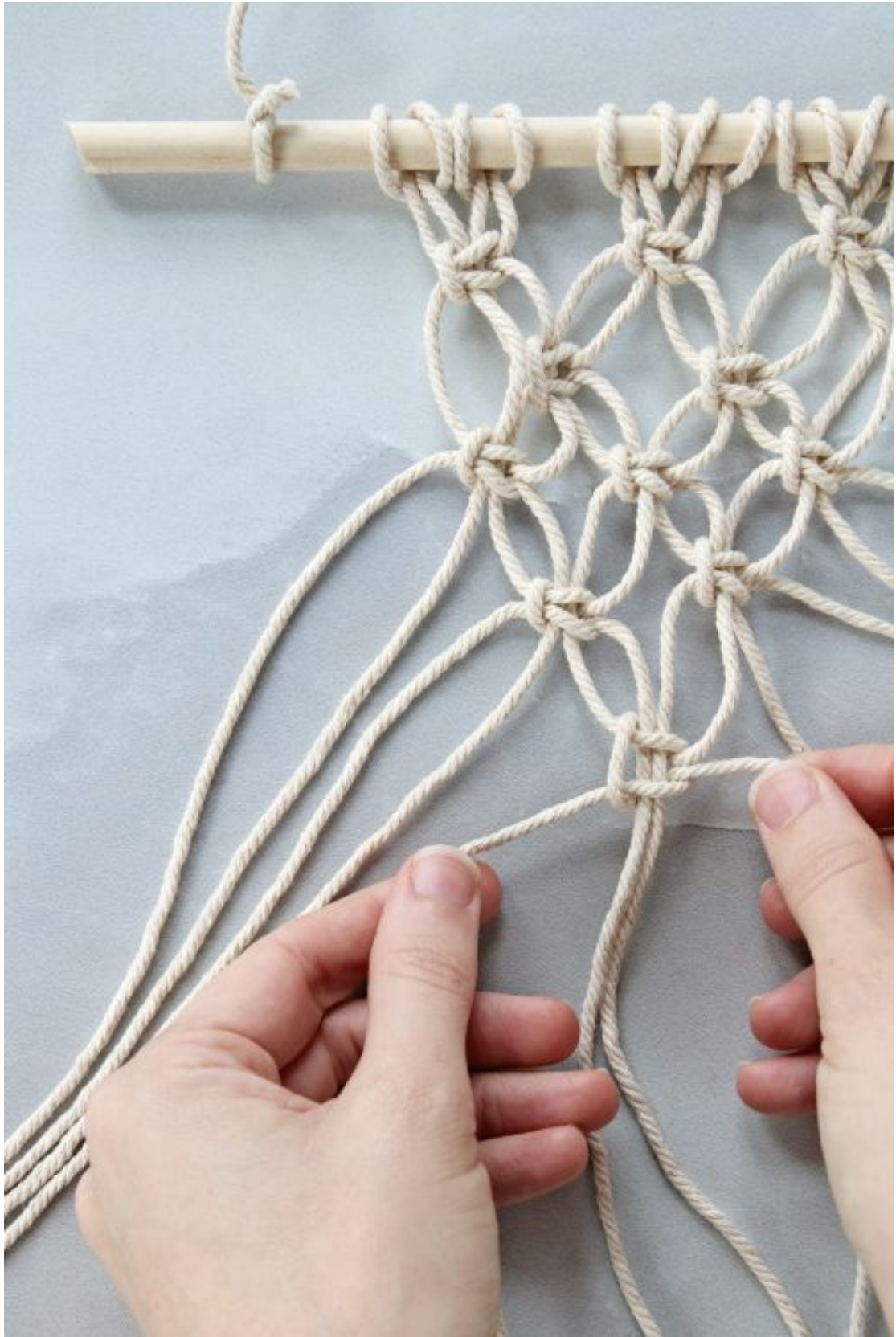
6. Now using the same four strings, make the same knot again, starting with the cord on the far right. Take the string on the right and bend it so it makes a '4' over the two cords in the middle and underneath the cord on the left. Bring the left cord under the two middle cords and over the right cord. Pull tightly. This makes one square knot.

Continue tying knots all the way across the top row.



7. Move to the second row. This time, you want to *skip the first two strings* on the far left when tying your knots. Tie knots all the way across. When you reach the end, you'll be left with two untied strings on the right as well.

8. Move to the third row and tie your knots using the first four strings again (like you did with the first row). Continue this alternating pattern until you reach about halfway down the length of your piece.



9. Now you'll start tapering your wall hanging into a point. Skip the first two strings on the left and tie square knots all the way across. Move to the next row. Skip the first four strings on the left, tie your square knots, and skip the last four strings on the right.

10. Continue row by row, skipping six, eight, ten strings (on both the left and right) until you're left with just one square knot in the center. Trim the fringe at the bottom so it forms a V.



11. I added tassels to mine for some added interest, but this is optional. To make them, wrap cord around your hand or a piece of cardboard about 20 times. Remove the looped cord, and tie the top tightly with a piece of string. Trim the ends to your liking.

12. Tie tassels to the bottom of your wall hanging using macramé cord. Trim the excess.





# MACRAME PLANT HANGER

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Macrame is a fun crafting method that's created a significant return with the newer generation. Because it is only a sequence of knots in its most basic form, it is a truly available project for almost anyone, particularly adolescents and young adults. This DIY macrame plant hanger is one of those unicorn DIY projects-something that can appeal to all ages, utilizes only a few products and craftsmen at any ability stage can create it easy. Score the score!

This was initially produced for our paper mache chain of pearls plant, but now we're offering you the tutorial to create this plant holder for any of your botanicals. We're also happy to communicate that this was a project

## Tools & Materials

- Scissors
- Cotton Rope
- 2 " Wood Ring

## Steps

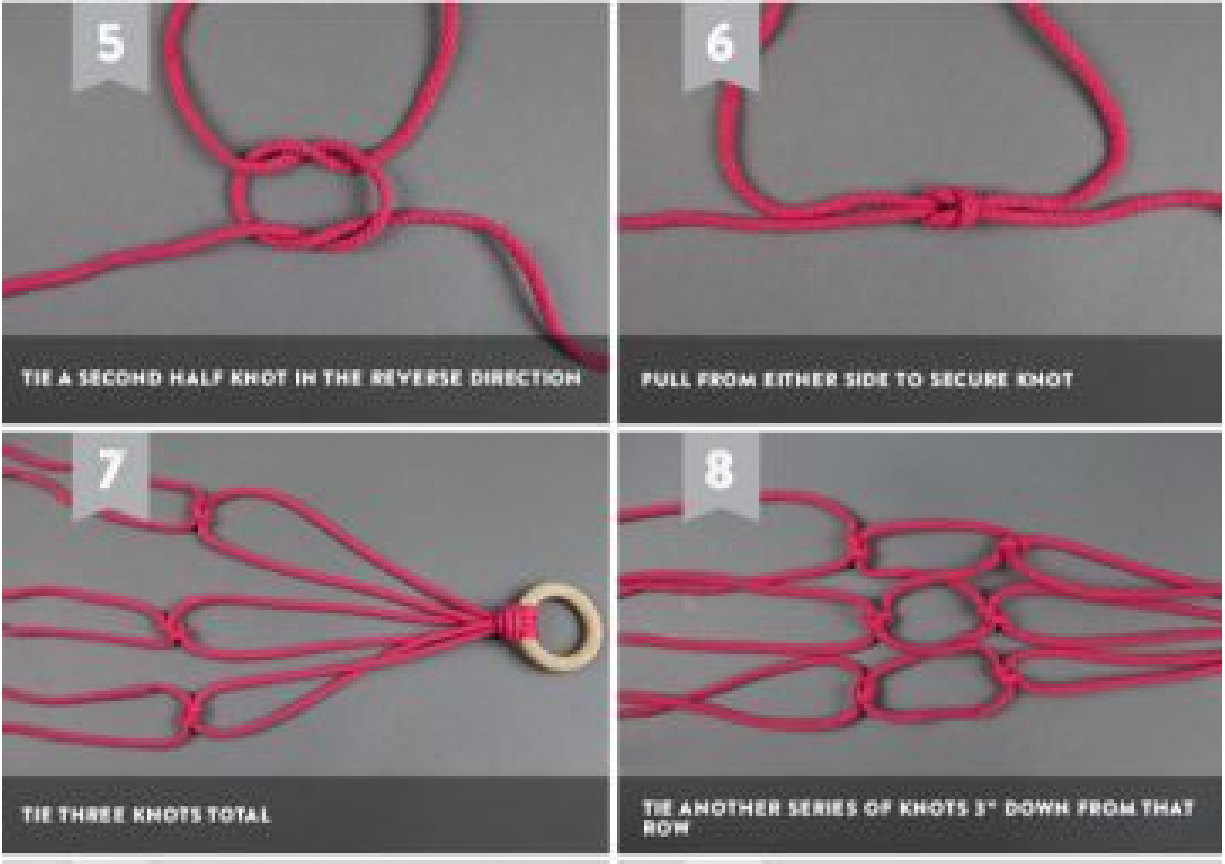
1. Gather the tools and materials listed above.
2. Cut three 54 " pieces of rope.
3. Fold in half and tie onto the wood ring by creating a loop and pulling through (this is called a Larkshead knot).
4. Starting 7 " down from the top ring, tie a half knot.
5. Tie a second half knot in the reverse direction.
6. Pull from either side to secure the knot.
7. Tie three knots in total.
8. Tie another series of knots 3 inches down from that row.
9. At 4.5 inches down from that, gather all six ropes and tie a large knot.
10. Trim the rope at the bottom of the planter.

Macrame tends to be a very visual process, so follow along with our DIY macrame plant hanger photo tutorial below!

### Tips

We found our pink rope from Fabric Depot, but you're supposed to be able to find something similar in any craft store. If you want to add an extra DIY element to this plant hanger, feel free to buy a white rope and dip it with your favorite colors. Play around with a rope of different thicknesses to create different looks. Once you've finished, add one in a succulent or a botanical, or make one out of paper to display in your new plant hanger!





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# TINY MACRAME PLANT HANGER

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Macrame is a craft that I've been trying to do for a while, after admiring some of the plant hooks that other people have made. It's also a craft that I grew up with-my mom had been in it for a while, and she made walls like a huge elephant's head, a giraffe, and a owl (which is still on the wall!).

Mom still had her macrame stuff, and she gave it to me so I could try it out. So I used the actual vintage macrame board for this project!

I have decided to start small, very small! This plant pot is about one inch tall!

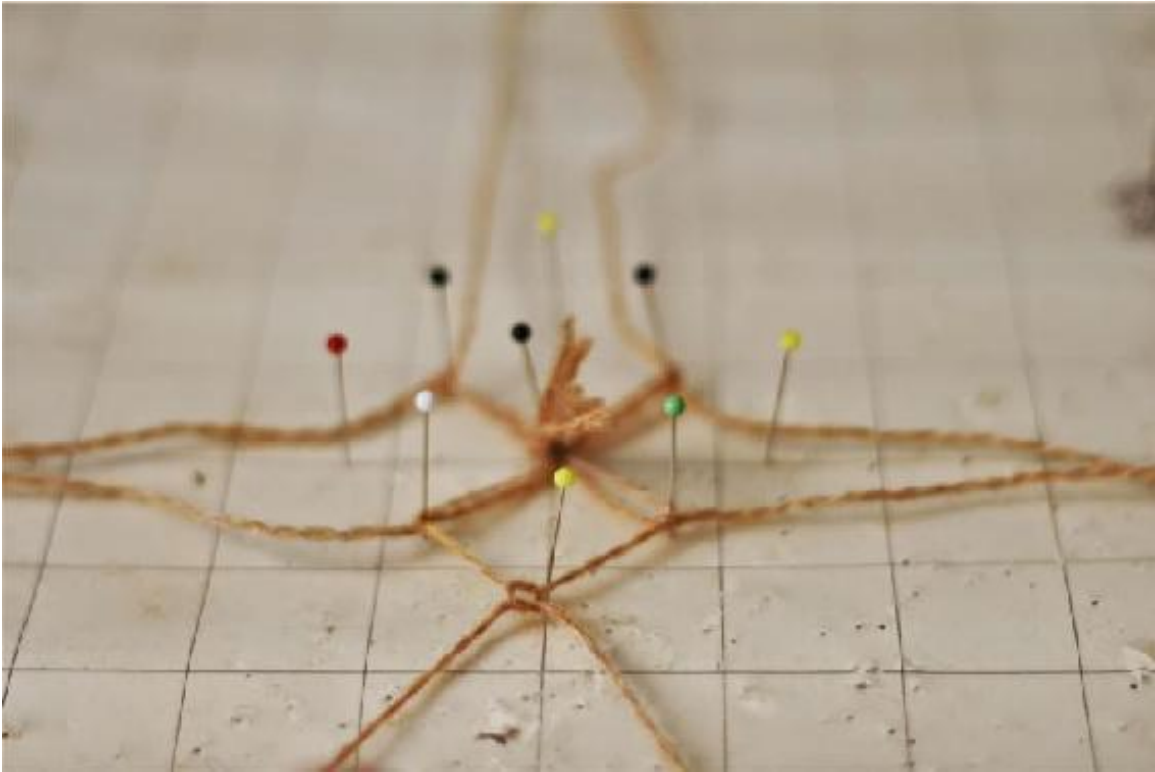
1 The pot of the plant was green, so I sprayed it with copper and added a small succulent cut.



2. I cut eight pieces of thin twine, and tied them all together in a knot near one end.



3. I pinned the knot to the macrame board, placed four pins in a square, and at each pin I tied two strands in a knot.





4.I placed another 4 pins outside this in a square, and took one strand from each of the pins on either side.



5. I unpinned it and gathered all the strands together, placed the plant pot in it, and tied a knot at the top!





# BOHO MACRAME WALL HANGING

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I'm really excited to share this beginner-friendly macrame tutorial with you! Skye just turned one, so out with a mobile crib and time for something different to hang over her crib. I thought that the Boho Macram Wall Hanging would be the perfect addition to her room! I'm going to show you exactly how I did it and a step-by-step photo tutorial. This wall would be gorgeous in any room in the house, and it's not limited to a little girl's room! What the hell are you waiting for? Let's get started!

## **The Knots I will be using are**

- Lark's Head Knot
- Left handed square knot
- Half-Hitch knot
- Spiral knot

Attached is this great tutorial on all of these knots. The first knot that he uses to attach the rope to the dowel is the Larks Head knot. In the video it just says “knot” so I wanted to clarify that for you!

## You will need the following supplies

- clothesline rope cording- I just grabbed some white clothesline rope from Walmart, but you can use any cording that you like. Hobby lobby, Joannes and Michaels all have cording as well. I am using white cotton rope in this tutorial but you can get a natural color cording as well. I will link a few options below. You will need about 800 FT I used 3/16 "

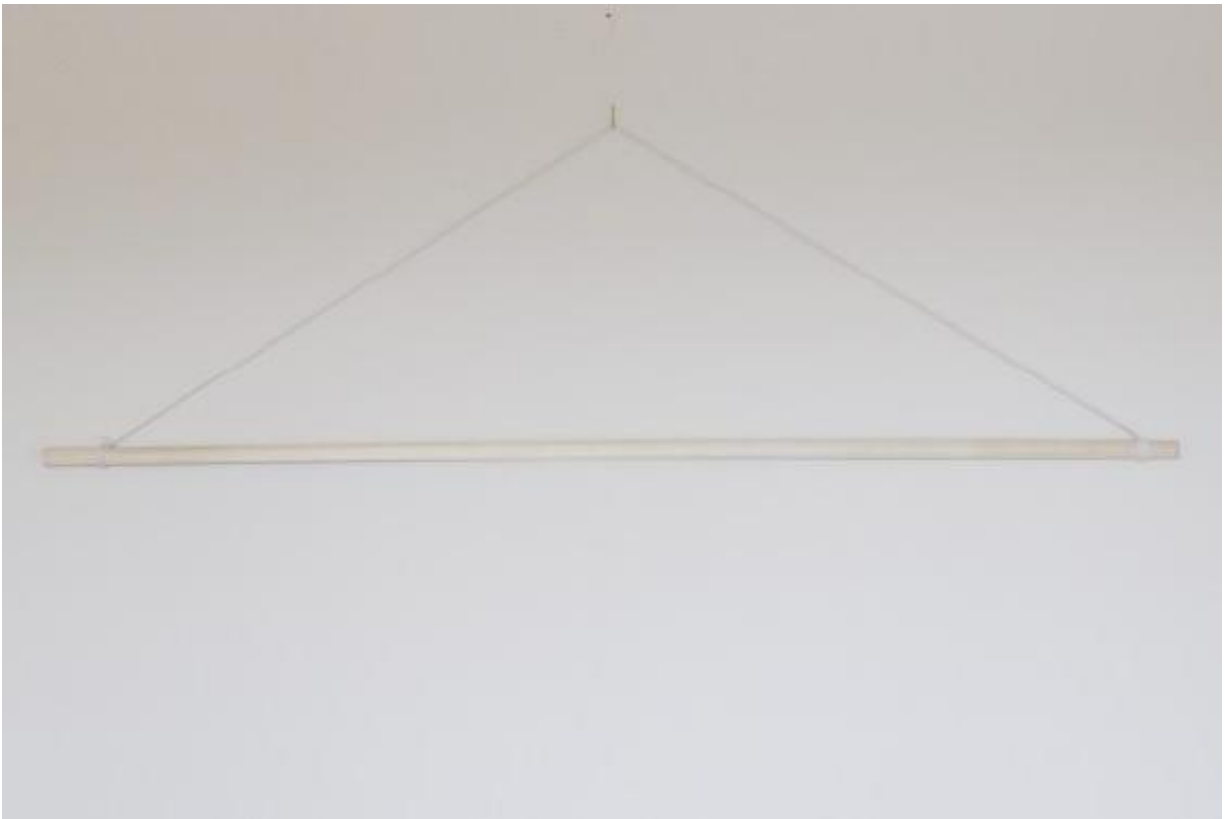


- wooden dowel or branch
- Scissors
- Jute cord or any type of string to hang your dowel to the wall with.
- Greenery (Optional)

- Options for cording:
- Hobby Lobby
- Joanne Fabric

## Step 1

Hang your dowel on the wall.



Start by cutting 12 pieces of rope, two body lengths. To measure two body lengths, just put one end of the rope in your left hand and extend it to the left. Grab the middle of the rope with your right hand and put it to the right. That's one body length, with your left hand, grab the end of your right hand and extend it all the way to the left again. That's two lengths of the body. Cut off the rope.

NOTE: I used one body length in my picture above, but in hindsight, I think two would have been better. I suggest you do that, so that your rope is going to hang longer. I used 400FT for my project, so that's why I'm advising you to buy 800Ft so that your project is going to hang longer.



That's a messy messy pile! Hopefully, you will be a little more organized than I was.....

## **Step 2**

Attach the ropes to the dowel using a Lark's Head Knot





Square knot across like so



### Step 3

Take the middle four strands of rope and square knot. We will be creating a V shape so keep that in mind as you are working along.



Continue to the right and skip the next two pieces of rope and work a square knot in the next 4 pieces of rope.



Do the same for the other side



## Step 4

Start by cutting 12 pieces of rope, 2 body lengths. To measure two body lengths, simply put one end of the rope in your left hand and extend it to the left. Grab the middle of the rope with your right hand and stretch to the right. That's one body length, with your left hand, grab the end of your right hand and extend it all the way to the left. This is two body lengths. Cut up the rope.

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**Step 5**

Now take two strands from the knowledge that you've just worked, and the two strands of rope from the middle knot, and work a square knot. Do the same thing for the other side



## **Step 6**

Join the sides with a square knot to bring the pattern to a V shape.



With those four middle strands create a square knot.

## **Step 7**

Working with the neighboring square knot that has not been worked, grab the left strand of rope. This will be your lead cord. Work a Half-Hitch knot down the side. You will work every strand down the side of the V.



Do the same for the other side.





## Step 8

Skip two strands of rope and work a square knot like so



## Step 9

Continue working down the side using two strands from the previous square knot, until you have 3 on each side.



## Step 10

criss cross the rope cord from the Half-Hitch knot and square knot each side. This will bring the piece together. Finish off with one square knot in the middle.







## **Step 11**

Work this pattern 2 more times so that you have a total of 3 V shapes. The piece should start looking like this minus when I started working on the next step on the left!



## **Step 12**

We will now use a spiral knot to bring the V shapes together. Take the two strands of rope from the left V-shape and two from the right V-shape and work your spiral knot. You're going to work 2 spiral knots here. One of them in between the two V shapes. It's going to look like this. NOTE: Please knot 6 times each spiral.



It should look like this but please disregard the Half – Hitch knots below, we have not made it to that step yet!

Do the same for the other side

### **Step 13**

Take two more strands of rope and attach to the dowel on the left right using a Lark's Head Knot. Work a square knot. Leaving a small 1/2 inch gap from the square knot at the top, work a spiral knot. 5 knots to be exact.



Do the same on the right side.

## **Step 14**

Now, we're going to bring everything together by using a half hitch node on each V shape. To do this, your lead cord on the left will be the Spiral knot you've just created, and you'll use your two strands of the middle spiral knot from above. It's going to come together like this.





You will then add a square not to each point on the V to bring it together.

## Step 15

I really love this step, because you can make it really creative! Cut the two strands of rope together. Use a regular double knot to tie it to the far left of the dowel. Drop the rope and tie it to the middle of the piece. Do the same thing for the other side. Taking a small strand of rope, lightly tie it to the middle so that it drapes between the two strands you've just made. It should look like this



Using a series of Lark's Head Knots, attach along the strands you created until you fill them up.

## Step 16

cut the bottom and clean up the ends.



## **Step 17**

Add greenery to the top or it is beautiful as is!





# SIMPLE HANGING VASE MACRAME KNOT

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I've been bead-weaving, weaving, dyeing, printing, woodworking, macramé-ing and paper-making my way through 30 fresh activities for my fresh novel (I'm 2/3 of the manner through the project roster so I expect to post a lot more in April).

My macramé obsession has recently reached a fever pitch. I did a fast hanging vase this morning, and I felt it would be great to share it with you.



You only need to know a ' Josephine knot' (aka Carrick twist) and a ' meeting knot' to create this hanging vase so it's a nice simple task if you're just beginning down the macramé / knot-binding path.



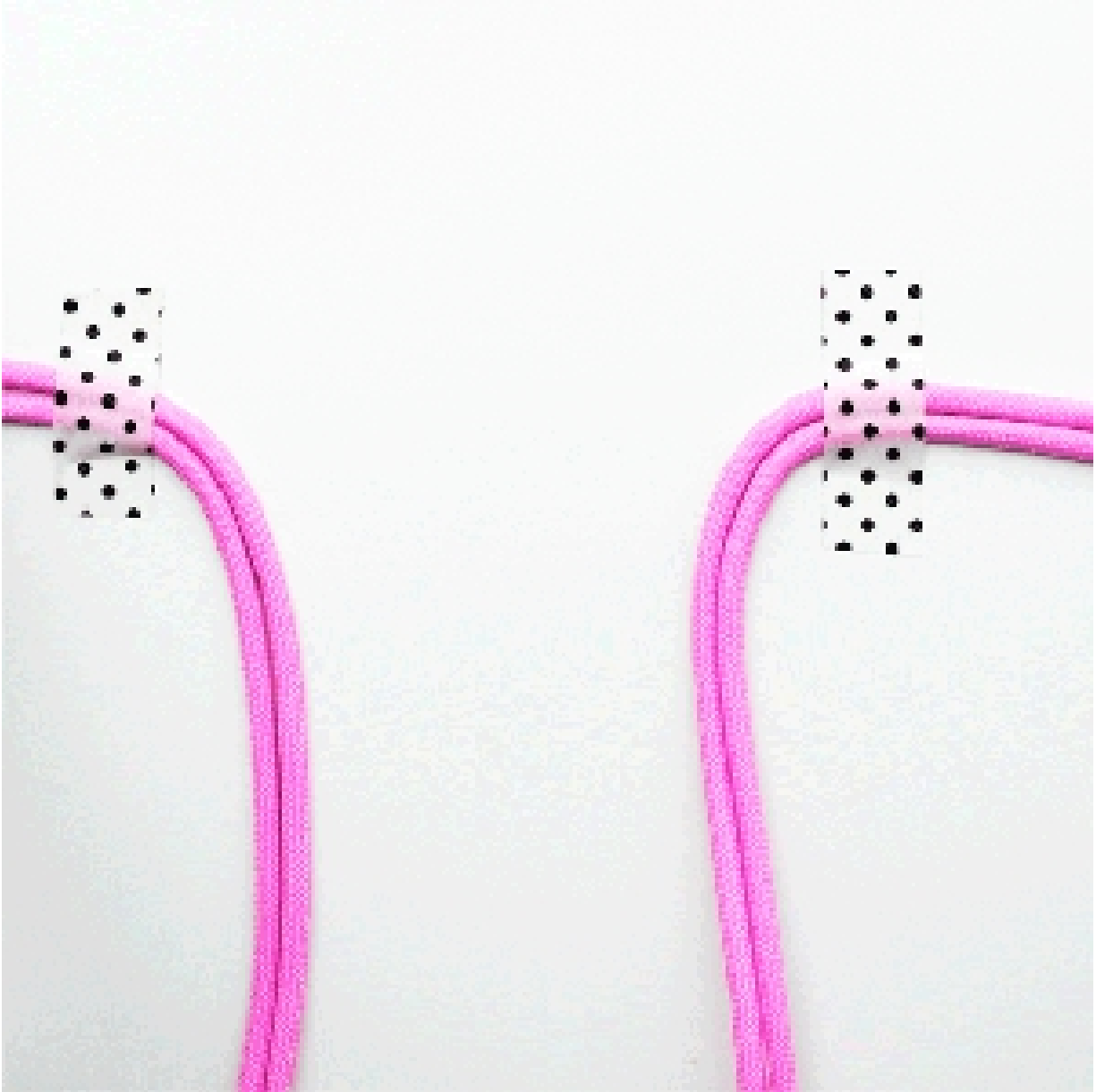


## **YOU WILL NEED:**

- + 4 lengths of cord measuring at least 1.5 meters (I used super long shoelaces – but you can use paracord instead)
- + About 50cm of cord (I used a contrasting colour)
- + Glass vase....a jam jar works just as well.
- + Elastic band (optional)
- + Some flowers!

## **HOW TO**

First of all you need to master the knot. Once you have done this follow the rest of the instructions below:



1. Find a wall hook that operates well, or you can use a gate handle! Hang your tag on the hook and thread your ropes through the ring at their halfway stage. You're supposed to have 8 working strings.
2. Now you're going to need to do a meeting knot. Chop the additional piece of rope into two parts. Take one part and form a loop as shown in Figure 3. Take the right-hand segment of the rope and wind it closely around the 8 ropes. You're supposed to do this about six times.

4. Now bring your bottom-tail and thread it through the top of the loop.
5. Pull down the bottom lip.
6. Keep tightening until the loop is hidden inside the cable wrap. You could cut the edges. Depending on your rope, you may need to seal the ends with a flashlight to prevent them from cracking. (Take care of this move and exercise the spare part of the rope first).
7. Leave a gap and bind the Josephine knot to the front with four parts of rope.
8. Turn your curtain ring around and repeat the four parts of rope in the back.
9. Leave a divide and bind two more Josephine knots as shown.
10. 10. Pop your jar inside and see how it suits. You may need to change the location of the Josephine knot based on the form of the ship you are using. Put an elastic band around the eight wires so that your jar is well held. Take the other piece of rope and bind another piece of rope at the bottom.





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# ADORABLE POM-POM TASSEL WALL HANGING

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We are accustomed to creating pom-poms. Admitting the problem is the first step, isn't it? TBH, we can pinpoint the time we became obsessed with it: when we found the magic pom-pom manufacturer. Since this fateful time, we've produced a gorgeous pom-pom jacket, a watermelon pom keychain, a gussed duvet cover and even a fresh year's resolution tree. The fight is REAL.

Clearly, the cups were our drug portal. What the hell's a DIY'er to do? At this stage, the only thing to do is supply the cow with more pom-pom initiatives, so that's precisely what we're going to do.

## **Materials and Tools:**

- yarn (assorted colors)
- copper pipe
- rope
- pom-pom makers (assorted sizes)
- fabric scissors
- hot glue gun + glue



COPPER PIPE

POM POM  
MAKERS

FABRIC  
SCISSORS

ROPE

HOT GLUE GUN

YARN





To make a pom-pom, place both pieces of the maker together. Pull out a pair of arms, then wrap yarn around both arms until you've made a full half-circle. Repeat on the other set of arms, tuck all arms back into the maker, then trim the end of the yarn. Next, cut down the center of each half-circle of yarn (don't be afraid!). Cut a nine-inch strand of yarn, then tightly double knot through the center of the maker. To remove the pom-pom from the maker (AKA set that baby free!), pull out all arms, then pull each maker half away from each other. Trim the pom-pom into a perfect circle. You're done!



Wondering how we made those two-toned poms? Simply switch up the yarn colors for each set of arms.



On to the bowl! Wrap a large quantity of yarn around all your thumbs but your thumb. The more yarn you twist around, the fatter your cup is going to be. Double knot a piece of yarn all over the layers. Bring that woven strand to the top, then pinch all the yarn below. Tie another layer around ALL the yarn to create the "neck" of the cup. Then cut the surface with the scissors of the fabric.





Next, cut your rope into varying lengths. Make a small loop at the top of each with a hot glue gun, then let 'em dry.

Psst: Be sure to save 4-5 feet of rope for hanging the pipe!



Once the glue has hardened, you can loop each rope around the copper pipe.



Use a hot glue gun to adhere the base of the rope directly into the pom-pom.



Try looping the rope through the head of the tassel, then glue the rope to itself to make another loop. Trim the excess tassel yarn as necessary.



Thread that extra 4-5 feet of rope through the copper pipe. We fastened the rope to the hook of a thin pen so we could easily feed the rope through.



Tie each end of the rope to itself, then glue a pom-pom over the knot.

Voila!

Now seems as good a time as any to make #yarnporn a thing, right?



We couldn't resist pairing it with a tasseled pillow. Now we HAVE to make a pom-pom throw to round it out.

Happy pom-pommin'!

# CONCLUSION

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As a result of the creativity that goes into macramé's knotting, a lot of people enjoy doing it for a craft. In fact, some people believe that macramé is a natural therapy to improve mental abilities, strengthen arms and joints, improve concentration and calm the mind. This, however, does not imply that no great artistic skill is required. It is necessary to use macramé to be in a meditative mood and carefully weave leather into knots and cords.

Macramé can also be used in a number of home and fashion products. Bags, clothing, shoes, jewelry, door hangers, hanging baskets and plant hangers can be decorated with this classic braiding.

When used in bracelets, macramé looks gorgeous and defines your look. It also makes a statement about your choice of fashion accessories, as it is common belief that handmade jewelry is often meticulously crafted. Usually, this classic rope braiding is used to hold beads and gemstones together firmly and nicely. It is also versatile, flexible and adaptable to many products.

The versatility of macramé makes it the perfect match for the colorful gemstones and other beads that make the bracelets charming.

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