

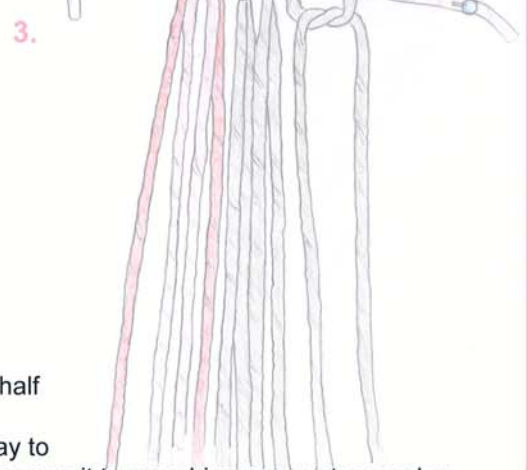
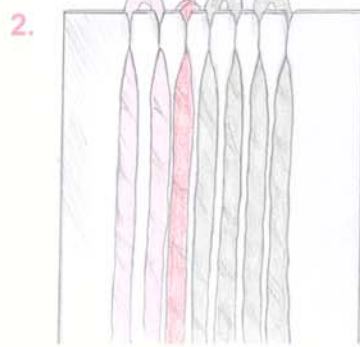
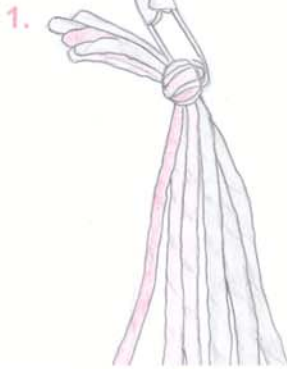


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Knotting- Basic Techniques

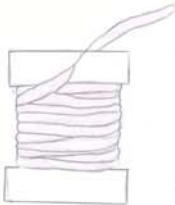
Knotting is a modern term to describe the craft **Macrame**. It is a form of textile-making using knotting rather than knitting or weaving. Its primary knots are the square knots and forms of hitching. It is a craft associated with & used historically by sailors & native american indians. Today it's most commonly associated with schoolchildren & teens making & exchanging **Friendship Bracelets**.

Getting Started



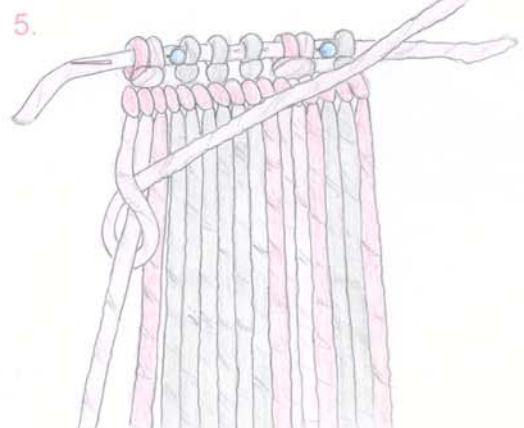
Cut the yarn to the length specified in the pattern. Fold each length in half to make 2 strands & then use one of the following methods to begin:-

1. If you are making a narrow braid with less than 8 strands an easy way to start is to tie all the strands in a knot at one end & use a safety pin to secure it to a cushion or your trouser leg.
2. If you are using lots of strands you may find it easier to make a card to hold them on from the back of a note book. Cut slots at the top a few millimeters apart & slot each yarn though. Knot at the back of the card if it is a single strand of colour..
3. For very wide braids, as you fold each length in half knot it to a other piece of wool that will hold all you lengths. Knot each length seperately or 2 at a time. Then pin to a surface like a cushion before you begin.



If you are using long lengths you may want wrap them around little bits of card to prevent them from getting tangled up!

4. knotting



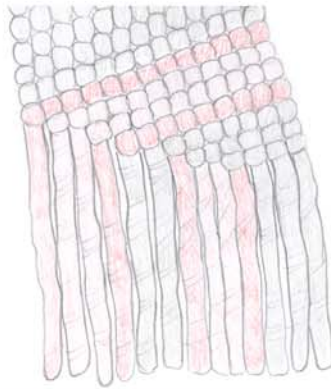
4. Taking the first stand on the left, wrap it around its neighbouring strand to form a knot. Continue this along the rest of the strands in the row until the strand that was originally on the left is on the right. This is the first row.
5. Take the new strand from the left hand side and wrap it around its neighbour to form a knot. Continue this accross the rest of the strands until the strand that was originally on the left is on the right. This is the second row. Keep knotting from left to right until your desired length is achieved.



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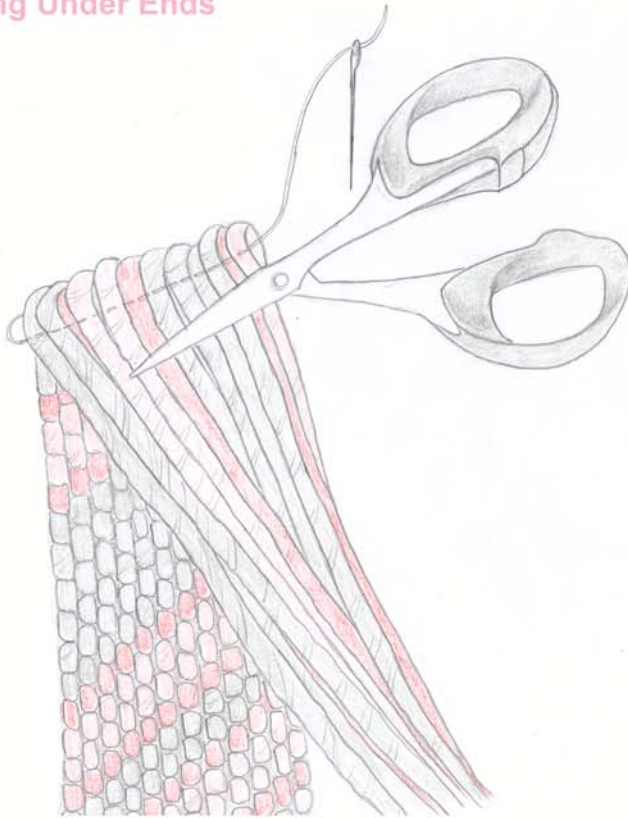
6. Shaping



As you knot you will find that the stripes of the braid become diagonal. To create a straight finished edge miss out the first left hand strand & begin knotting with the second. Then miss out the first 2 left hand strands & start knotting with the third. Continue knotting in this sequence until there is only 1 strand left to knot or until you have a straight edge.

You may find it useful to pin down the edge of your braid as you knot to prevent it from curling up.

7. Sewing Under Ends



Once you have achieved your finished length fold the strands across the back of the braid & stitch down with a needle & sewing thread so that your knots will not come undone.

Next, trim the edge of the strands with a pair of scissors.

Then you have a very neat edge.

If you began your braid by tying all the strands together in one big knot, undo & repeat the above.