



Fusion Beads

Macrame - Square Knot



Step 1

Cut two pieces of cord. Cut one piece 12 times longer than the desired length of the finished piece and cut the other 3 times longer than the desired length of the finished piece.



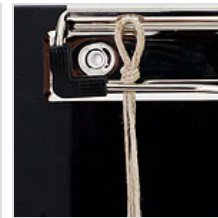
Step 2

Choose a bead to use for the clasp. Test the hole of the bead to make sure that four strands of cord can fit through.



Step 3

Fold both cords from step 1 in half. Tie an overhand knot with both cords to create a loop large enough for the clasp bead chosen in step 2 to fit through.



Step 4

Clip the loop into a clipboard. The clipboard will help keep the tension even when you are making your piece.



Step 5

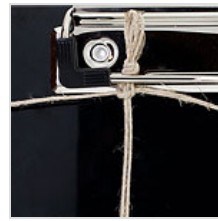
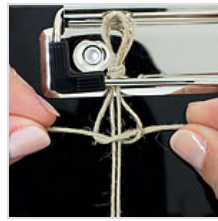
There will be four cords hanging from the loop. Arrange the two shorter cords in the center and the two longer cords on the outside. The shorter cords will be called anchor cords and the longer cords will be called tying cords.



Step 6

Pass the left tying cord over

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Step 7

Step 8

Step 9

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Step 11

Step 12

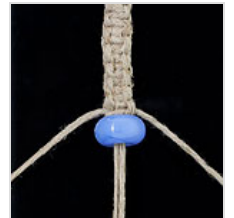
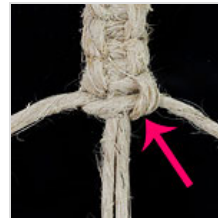
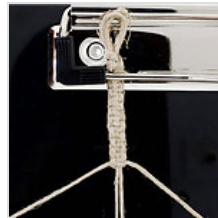
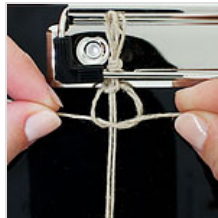
Pass the right tying cord over the top of the left tying cord.

Pass the right tying cord under the anchor cords and through the loop formed by the left tying cord.

Pull on both tying cords to tighten the knot.

You have completed your first half knot!

The next knot will be a mirror of the knot that you just created. Start by passing the right tying cord over the anchor cords.



Step 13

Step 14

Step 15

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Step 17

Step 18

Pass the left tying cord under the anchor cords and through the loop formed by the right tying cord.

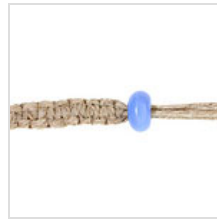
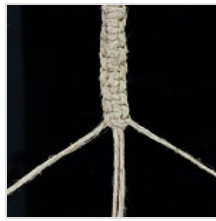
Pull on both tying cords to tighten the knot.

Repeat steps 6-14, alternating between starting the knot with the left tying cord and with the right tying cord.

If you lose track of which tying cord to start the next knot with, just look where you left off for a bump in the cord. Start the next knot with the side that has the bump on it.

Continue tying alternating knots until you have reached a place where you would like to add a bead. If you don't want to add any beads, skip to step 21 at this time.

String a bead onto the two anchor cords. Slide it up to your last knot.



Step 19

Step 20

Step 21

Step 22

Step 23

Step 24

Tie the next square knot below the bead, starting with the tying cord that you left off with. The two tying cords will hug the bead.

Pull the knot tight so it touches the bead.

Continue to create alternating knots (and optionally adding beads) until you have reached the desired length of the piece.

Slide the clasp bead chosen in step 2 onto all four cords.

Tie an overhand knot with all four cords flush against the clasp bead. Pull the knot tight.

Cut the excess cord off.



Step 25

Step 26

Add glue to the knot created in step 23 to prevent the knot from loosening or fraying. Let the glue dry.

Congratulations! You have learned how to make a piece using square knot!