

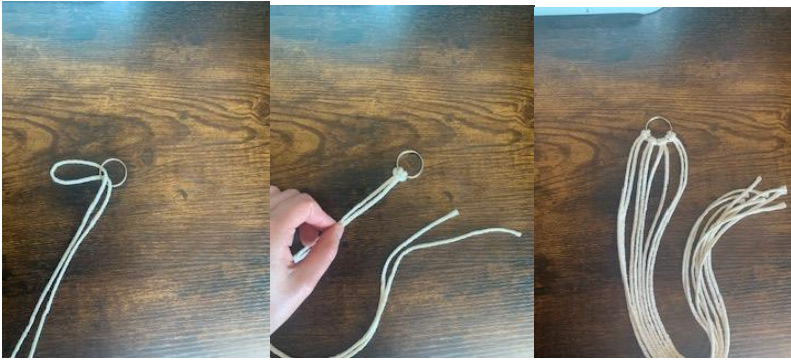
CREATE YOUR OWN MACRAME KEYCHAINS

MATERIALS

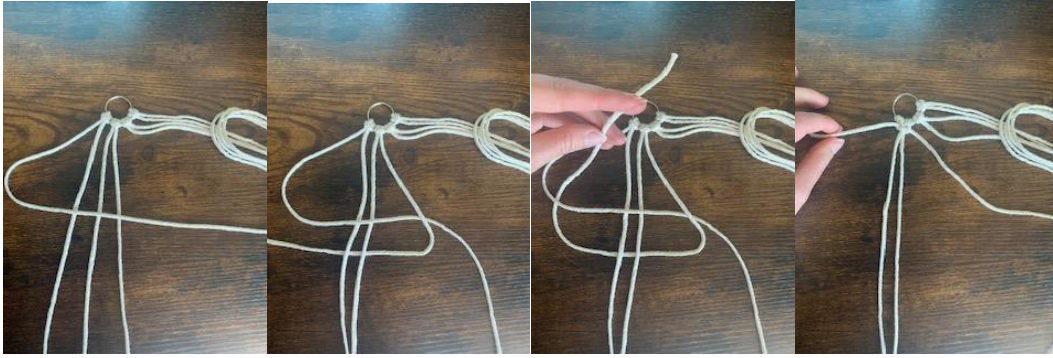
- 2 keychain rings
- 5 100 cm lengths of beige macrame cord
- 4 100 cm lengths of blue macrame cord
- 2 wooden beads
- Scissors (not provided)

INSTRUCTIONS:

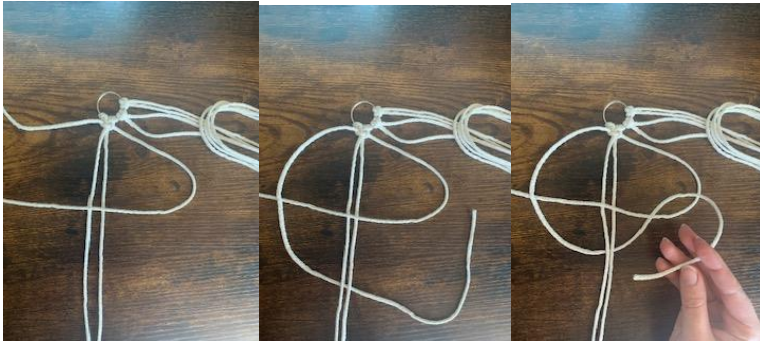
1. Choose a cord color for your keychain. Start with one of 100 cm cord lengths and make a lark's head knot around your keychain ring by folding cord evenly in half, loop cord around keychain so "ends" are in front and cord loop is in the back, pull the ends through the loop and tighten around the ring. Repeat this step 3 more times with the remaining cord lengths so that 4 lark's head knots are on your keychain ring.



2. We will be tying a series of square knots to create the keychain. The two lark's head knots on your left will be used to create all "left" knots, the 2 lark's head knots on the right will make all the "right" knots. The two lark's head knots in the center will make all "middle" knots, this also means that the two knots in the center of the ring will always be used to produce knots for the entire keychain. These square knots will be tied in rows with the first row containing a "left" knot and a "right" knot, the next row will be comprised of a "middle" knot, the next row will be "left" and "right" again. This pattern will repeat until you have 9 rows in total.
3. All the square knots for the keychain will be made using this method, so despite the "left", "right", and "middle" designations the below steps are what you will need to do for all knots. We will start with a "left" knot, so separate the 4 cords that comprise the two lark's heads knots on the left from the rest of the group, so the cord ends don't get all tangled. Begin by taking the cord on the far left and crossing it over the top of the three other cords. Next, take the cord from the far right and place it OVER the left cord and crossed UNDER the middle two cords. Then take the tail end of the right cord and bring it up and through the loop that the left and middle cords make. Pull the ends of the left and right cord to tighten your knot. You've completed half of the square knot! (pictures on next page)



4. The other half of the square knot is largely the same as what we just did, but inverted (to make the square shape). Begin by taking the right cord and crossing it over the TOP of the center cords. Then, take the left cord OVER the right cord and UNDER the center cords. Take the tail end of the left cord and bring it through the loop that the right cord and center cords create. Pull both the left and right cords to tighten the knot. You've completed a square knot!



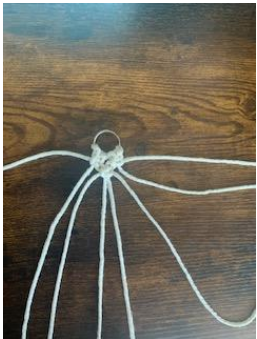
5. To finish your first keychain row, tie a "right" square knot with the other two lark's head knots on the keychain ring. Your first row should look like this:



6. To continue with the next row, you will tie a square knot using the same above method but using the inner 4 cords of the keychain. The outer knots of the keychain will remain unworked for this row. I like to set up my knot like this to prevent tangling and confusion:



7. Follow the square knot steps above with the inner 4 cords to get a “middle” knot, your keychain should now look like this:



8. Repeat rows of “left”/”right” and “middle” knots until you have 9 rows in total. Then you can take some of the extra macrame cord provided and tie off the ends so your knots don’t unravel. You’ve completed the first keychain!



9. You have enough cord to make a second keychain in this kit. The second keychain’s general construction is pretty much the same, tying the 4 lark’s head knots, and then tying rows of square knots. Your kit should have 2 wooden beads that you can add to your rows of knots if you’d like. I recommend keeping the “left”/”right” rows of knots the same, for structural integrity, and then adding the bead to your two center cords in place of a “middle” knot. Like this:



10. After you add the bead to the two center-most cords, do another “left”/”right” knot row to secure the bead in place. You can omit all “middle” knots and construct a 5-row keychain that will be a little shorter, or you could alternate a bead row with a “middle” knot row to keep the keychain the same length for a total of 9 rows. The creative choice is yours!

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