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PATTERN



COASTERS

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HOW-TO

LARKS HEAD KNOT



This knot is used to attach cord to a dowel or another base cord.

- 1.** Lay a base cord horizontal to you.
- 2.** Then, to attach a larks head knot, fold your working cord in half.
- 3.** Place the loop on top of the base cord.
- 4.** Tuck the loop down behind the base cord.
- 5.** Now take the 2 loose ends of the working cord and pass them through the loop which is now in a U shape position.
- 6.** Pull the ends tight to secure the larks head knot.

DOUBLE HALF HITCH KNOT



This knot typically requires 2 cord ends.

Position the cords vertically in front of you. This position may vary due to the design. The holding cord can be used to 'direct' the knots.

- 1.** Take the left cord. This will be referred to as the holding cord-continue to hold onto it.
- 2.** Take the right cord. This will be referred to as the working cord.
- 3.** Take the working cord and pass it over the holding cord.
- 4.** Now take the working cord back under the holding cord and up through the loop the working cord created.
- 5.** Pull the working tight while keeping the holding cord in the same position. The steps will now repeat.
- 6.** Pass the working cord over the holding cord
- 7.** Take the working cord back under the holding cord and up through the loop the working cord created.
- 8.** Pull the working cord tight while keeping the holding cord in the same position.

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KNOTTED IN KING COLE MACRAME RECYCLED COTTON



SINGLE COLOUR SPIRAL COASTER

You will need:

1 bobbin of King Cotton Macrame cord
Scissors
Small comb

Start by cutting:

1 x 250cm cord
5 x 150cm cords

Knots used in this design:

Reverse Larks Head Knot
Double Half Hitch Knot

1. Take your 250cm cord and make a circular loop at one end, roughly 10cm wide. Ensure there is a portion of this loop where the two bits of cord overlap and run alongside each other.
2. Now find the mid-point of one of the five 150cm cords and tie a reverse Larks Head Knot around the loop where the loop has two cords.
3. Repeat so that all five 150cm cords are attached to the loop.
4. Pull the longer end of the 250cm cord so that the loop begins to close. Be mindful not to pull too hard that the short end comes out from the Larks Head Knots.
5. It helps at this point to check the knots you made are equally spread out in a small circle. This will be the centre of the coaster. Now also spread out your cords so they form a star shape, these will be your working cords. You are ready to begin knotting the coaster.



6. Once it is pulled tight and the loop is closed you will begin to tie Double Half Hitch Knots using the 250cm cord as your holding cord.

7. To begin, hold the holding cord against the Reverse Larks Head Knots that you made, in the direction it naturally heads.

8. Pick up the first working cord and tie a Double Half Hitch Knot. When tightening the knot, ensure that it is in contact with the Larks Head Knots.

9. Now pick up the next working cord and tie a Double Half Hitch Knot. Again, tighten the knot so that it is touching the inner circle you made.

10. Once you have done this with all 10 working cords you will see that the gap between your last half hitch knot and the next working cord is quite large (about 1cm). To fill this gap tie on another cord using a reverse Larks Head Knot. Cut the cord to match the lengths of the current working cords. Once it is secured it should roughly match the length of the other working cords.



* Note: you may notice the coaster start to curve up. Do your best to keep the coaster flat as you are working. However, once you have made the coaster, an hour or so under a heavy book will help this*

11. Continue tying Double Half Hitch Knots onto the holding cord, each time pulling the knot up against the previous loop. Whenever there is a gap add another working cord with a reverse Larks Head Knot. You'll notice the length of the cords you'll need to attach will get shorter and shorter.



12. Once you have 8 or 9 rings to your coaster (depending on your size preference), and your working cords are roughly 10cm long, you can stop tying Double Half Hitch Knots.

13. Now you can trim the working cords to your desired length (no shorter than 1.5cm).

14. Use your fingers to unravel the cord and the comb to fluff the fringe.

15. You may want to give the fringe another comb to neaten the edges.

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TWO COLOUR SPIRAL COASTER

You will need:

2 different coloured bobbins of King Cotton Macrame cord
Scissors
Small comb

Start by cutting:

1 x 250cm cord in main colour
4 x 150cm cord in main colour
1 x 150cm cord in contrast colour

Knots used in this design:

Reverse Larks Head Knot
Double Half Hitch Knot

1. Take your 250cm cord and make a circular loop at one end, roughly 10cm wide. Ensure there is a portion of this loop where the two bits of cord overlap and run alongside each other.

2. Now find the mid-point of one of the four 150cm cords in colour 1 and tie a reverse Larks Head Knot onto the loop you made at the point where there are 2 cords overlap. Repeat this with the other cords of the same colour.

3. Once these are secure, you can attach the final 150cm cord in the second colour in the same way. You should now have five pieces of cord attached to your long cord.

4. Pull the longer end of the 250cm cord so the loop begins to close. Be mindful not to pull too hard that the short end comes out from the Reverse Larks Head Knots.



5. Once it is pulled tight and the loop is closed you will begin to tie Double Half Hitch Knots using the 250cm cord as your holding cord.

6. It helps at this point to check the knots you made are equally spread out in a small circle. This will be the centre of the coaster. Now also spread out your cords so they form a star shape. These will be your working cords. You are ready to begin knotting the coaster.

7. To begin, hold the holding cord against the Reverse Larks Head Knots that you made in the direction it naturally heads.

8. Pick up the first working cord and tie a Double Half Hitch Knot. When tightening the knot, ensure that it is in contact with the Larks Head Knots.

9. Now pick up the next working cord and tie a Double Half Hitch Knot. Again, tighten the knot so that it is touching the inner circle you made. Repeat with all working cords for the first ring of the coaster.

10. On your second ring you will start to see larger gaps between your last Double Half Hitch Knot and the next working cord (about 1cm). To fill this gap tie on another cord using a Reverse Larks Head Knot. Cut the cord to match the lengths of the current working cords. Once it is secured it should roughly match the length of the other working cords.

11. When you reach the second colour, tie a Double Half Hitch Knot with the first string of colour 2. Then attach a new cord in colour 2 with a Reverse Larks Head Knot. Then tie another Double Half Hitch Knot with the last cord of colour 2.



12. Continue with Double Half Hitch Knots and filling any gaps with new cords. Each time you come to the colour 2 segment, you may need to judge whether to add a new colour 1 cord before colour 2 or to knot with colour 2. Keep in mind you are looking for a segment with straight edges. So, check the row before to see if the colours are lined up.

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13. Continue like this until the coaster is the desired size, usually 8-9 rings (depending on your size preference), and your working cords are roughly 10cm long, you can stop tying Double Half Hitch Knots.

14. Now you can trim the working cords to your desired length (no shorter than 1.5cm).

15. Use your fingers to unravel the cord and the comb to fluff the fringe.

16. You may want to give the fringe another comb to neaten the edges.