

MACRAMÉ KEYCHAINS

A HOW-TO GUIDE

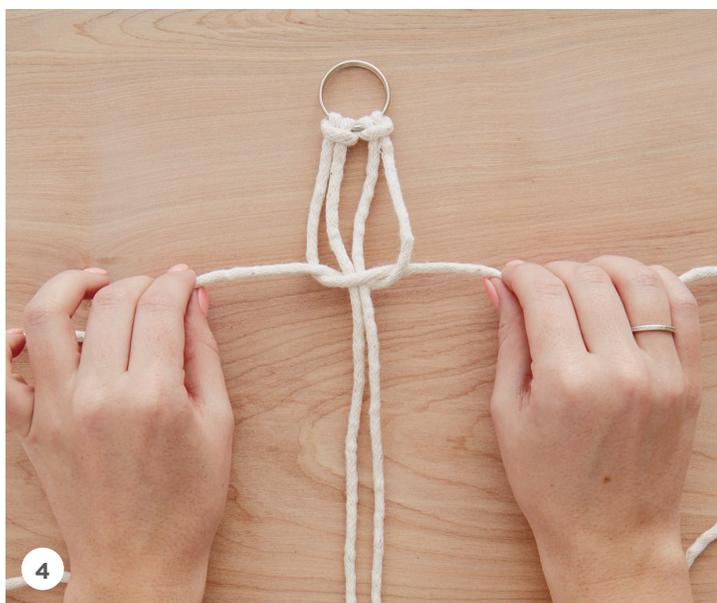


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SQUARE KNOT MACRAMÉ KEYCHAIN

instructions for keychains #1 and #6



WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- 3/16" Natural cotton piping cord
(two pieces, approx. 50" long each)
- Keyring
- Embroidery floss or yarn
- Wooden bead (keychain #1 only)
- Scissors

1. To start, attach both cords to the keyring using a simple lark's head knot (also known as a cow hitch) for each, with 2/3 of the length on the outside and 1/3 on the inside.
2. Now, make a half square knot: Cross the outer left cord loosely *over* the two center strings, and *under* the outer right cord to create a shape of a 4.
3. Bring the outer right cord *under* both center cords, and up through the loop made by the outer left cord.
4. Pull both outer cords out and tight until the knot rests snugly against the top knots. Pull the center cords straight.

For keychain #1, go to step 5. For keychain #6, make about 15 more half square knots, then skip to step 11.

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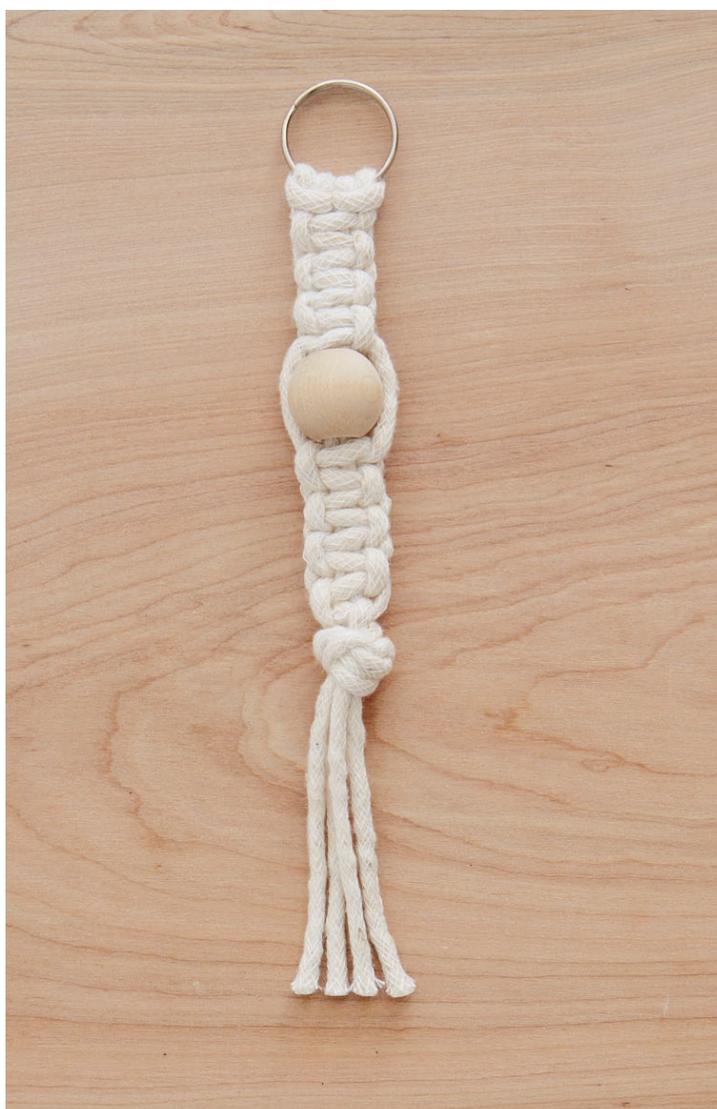
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5. For the next step, you'll complete a full square knot by doing the same thing, but backwards: Cross the outer right cord *over* the two center strings, and *under* the outer left cord to create a shape of a backwards 4.
6. Bring the outer left cord *under* both center cords, and up through the loop made by the outer right cord.
7. Again, pull both outer cords out and tight until the knot is flush with your first knot. Now you've completed a full square knot.



8. Repeat steps 2 through 7 to make a total of five square knots.
9. Thread the two center cords through the wooden bead.
10. Create another half square knot with the outer left cord (steps 2 through 4) and pull it snugly against the bead.



11. To finish the keychain, you can loop all four cords in a simple overhand knot.
12. Trim the ends.

alternative finish:

You can also wind a piece of embroidery thread or yarn around all four cords, then separate the strands of the cords, fluff them out, and trim the ends. (To see how to neatly wind the embroidery thread, read steps 7 through 13 of the Tassel Keychain instructions.)

BASIC TASSEL KEYCHAIN

instructions for keychains #3 and #5

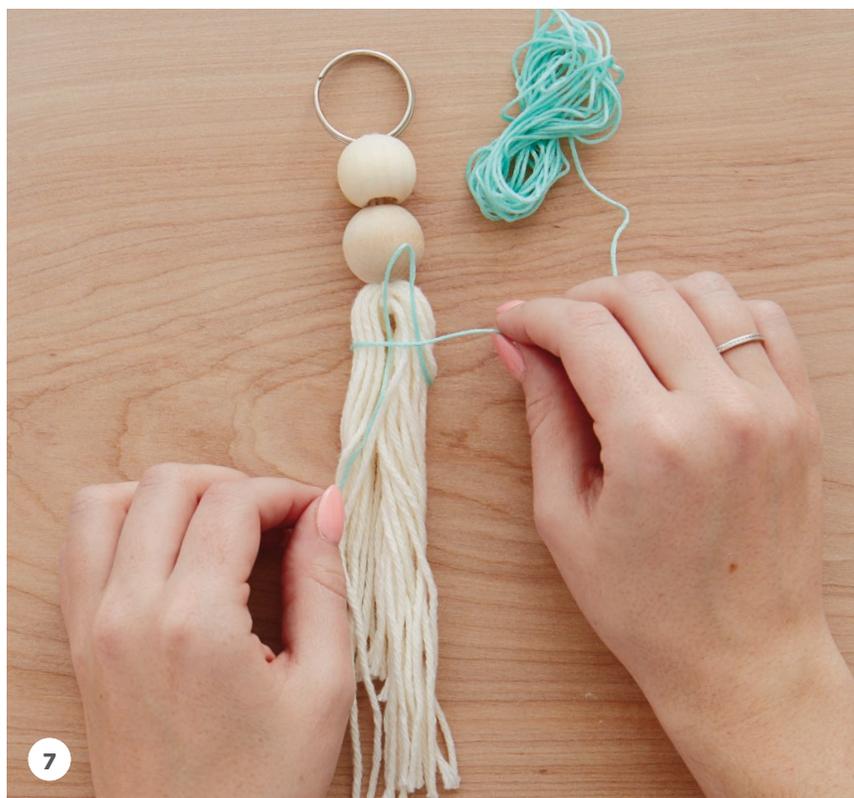


WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- White or off-white yarn
- Keyring
- Embroidery floss or yarn in colors of your choice
- 2-4 wooden beads
- Scissors

1. To start, attach a 20" length of yarn to the keyring using a simple lark's head knot (also known as a cow hitch).
2. Thread both ends of yarn through the wooden beads.
3. Cut about 20 pieces of yarn twice the length of your desired tassel. Holding them in an even bunch, center them between the two pieces of yarn attached to your key ring.
4. Tie the two pieces of yarn around the bunch of yarn in a simple knot.
5. Make sure the beads are snug and the tassel is divided into two fairly equal lengths. Pull the knot to secure, and tie another knot.

Keyrings #3 and #5 follow the same basic instructions—the only differences are the number of beads and the length of the tassels.



6. Fold the ends of the tassel down and smooth them together.
7. Use a skein of embroidery thread to make the neck of the tassel. With the full skein on the right, pull the loose end over, under, and around the tassel where you'd like the top of the neck to start. Fold it up and back down to make a loop.
8. Using the skein end, wrap the thread tightly around the tassel, moving down toward the ends as you go. Once the neck is as long as you'd like, wrap back up towards the loop.



9. Cut the thread and poke the end through the loop.
10. Pull the top and bottom ends in opposite directions.



11. Pull tight until the loop disappears into the neck.
12. Trim the ends of the embroidery thread.
13. Trim the ends of the tassel to even them up.



HOW TO MAKE A STRIPED CLOVE HITCH KEYCHAIN

Keychain #2 (above) may look fancy and complicated—but it just takes two basic knots to get its stylish custom color palette.

1. Start with two 20" or so pieces of cord (you can always cut them shorter, so it's better to start long). Loop each through the keyring with a lark's head knot, making the outside strands a little longer than ones on the inside.
2. Add vertical clove hitch stitches with a few different colors of yarn. [This video](#) has easy instructions to get you started, including how to measure your yarn. We did two rows each in the first two colors, and one row in the third color.
3. Make a full square knot in the middle.
4. Add another set of vertical clove hitches, reversing what you did on the top.
5. A quick trim of the ends finishes it off.

HOW TO MAKE A FOLDED BRAID KEYCHAIN

Keychain #4 (above) is seriously easy.

1. Cut three pieces of cord a little more than twice as long as you want the finished custom keychain.
2. Stack them evenly and wrap one end with a small rubber band a few inches from the ends.
3. Make a simple braid. Stop when you're the same distance from the ends as the rubber band is.
4. Loop one end through the keychain. If you'd like, put the rubber band around both ends to hold them in place.
5. Follow Tassel Keychain steps 7 through 13 to turn the ends into a tassel. Start the neck right under the braid. (You can cut the rubber band loose as you start to wrap the neck with embroidery floss.
6. Tie knots in the ends of the cord to finish.