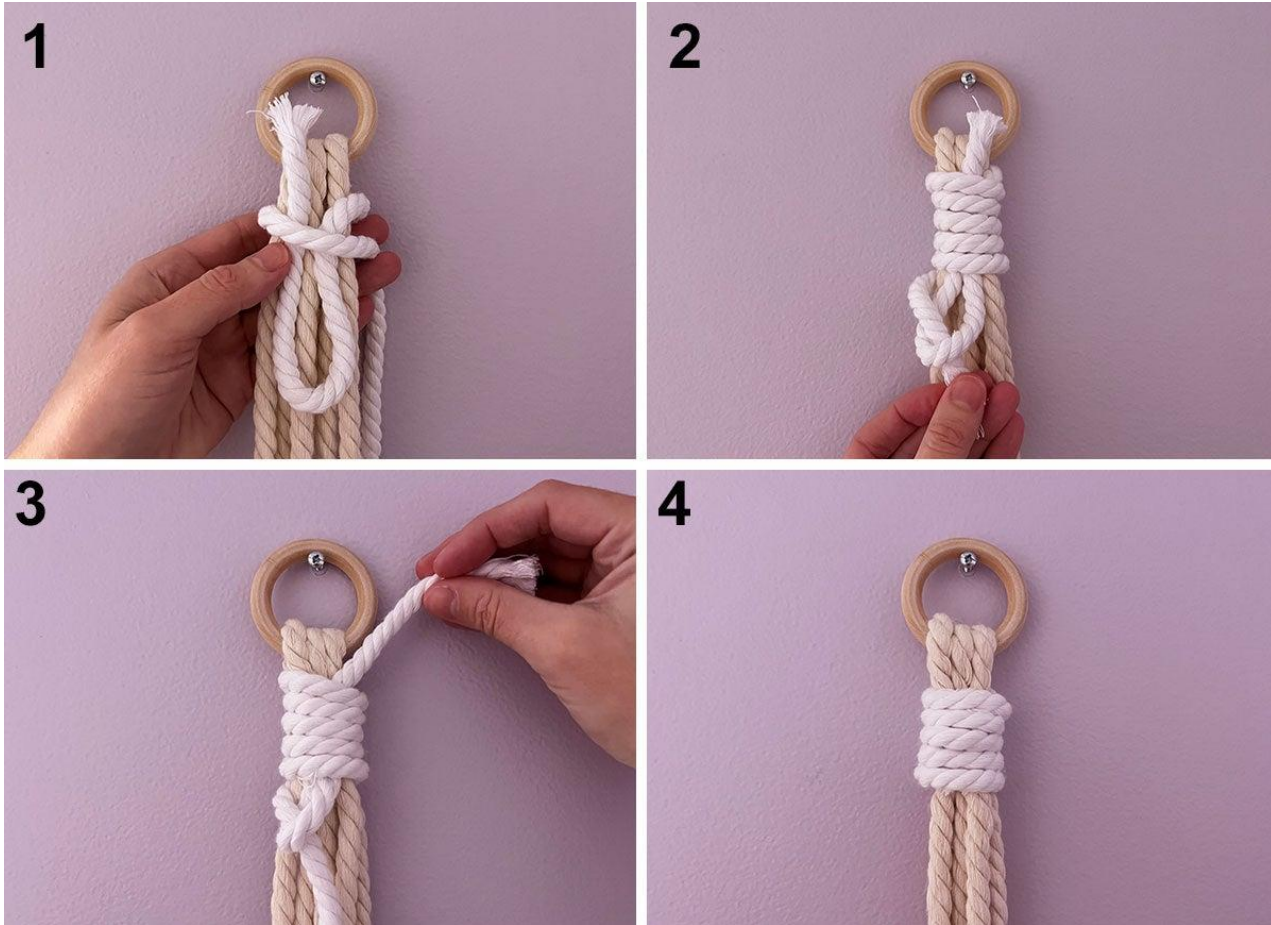


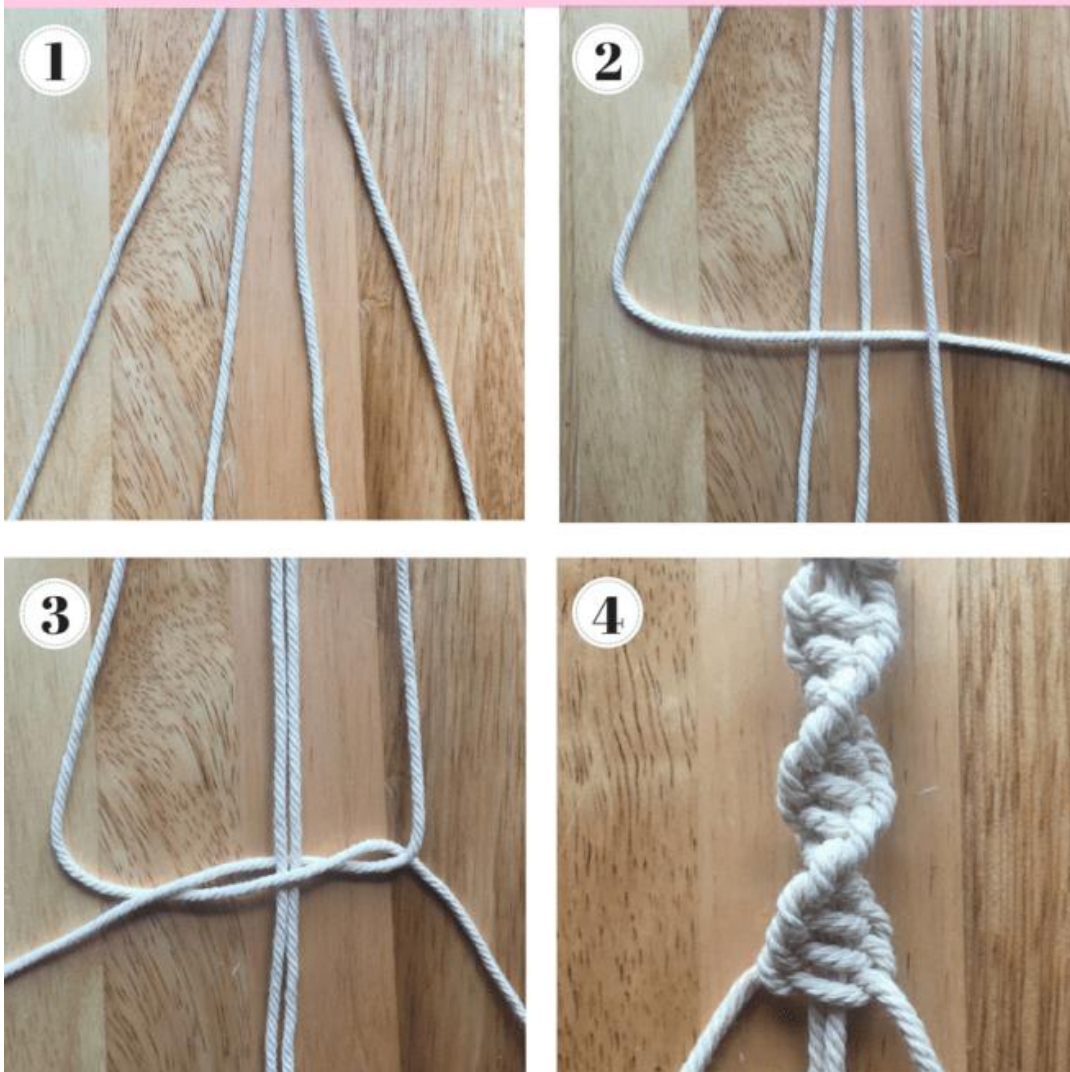
# Gathering Knot



**A gathering knot** knots all your cords together into one neat knot. It's often used as a finishing knot on projects, such as at the end of a hanging macrame plant holder. This knot uses two working cords, and the rest of the cords are filler cords.

Start by cutting a separate length of cord, which will be one of the working cords. On one end of this working cord, form a long tear-dropped shaped loop. Place this loop on top of the filler cords, with the rounded end facing down. Make sure to keep one end of the working cord poking out at the top, and start wrapping the rest of the working cord around the filler cords and the working cord loop. Wrap the working cord around the filler cord bundle at least five times, working downwards, stopping before you cover the loop completely. Take the working cord and thread it through the loop. Use the upper part of the working cord (the bit sticking out the top of the gathering knot) and tug on it to tuck the end of the working cord into the gathering knot. Trim each end for a neat finish.

# Spiral Square Knot



The macrame spiral knot uses a series of half square knots to create a pretty decorative spiral pattern that resembles the shape of a DNA strand. Instead of alternating between left and right half square knots (which create a square knot when paired together), it only uses repeated half square knots on one side.

Here's how that looks: start by taking the cord on the left, place it over the two middle "filler" cords, and then under the furthest cord on the right. Take the cord on the right and move it behind the two middle filler cords, then over the working cord on the left. Pull tight to create a left-facing half square knot. Then, instead of grabbing the cord on the farthest right (which would be the next step to make a square knot), grab the furthest cord on the left again and repeat the above steps. The cords will start twisting to create the spiral shape.

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1. 8 strings each measuring 140 inches
2. 1 string measuring 36 inches
3. Gathering knot around wooden macrame ring
4. Grab 4 string. Spiral Square knot approximately 6 inches
5. Leave about 6 inches of space
6. Repeat step 3-5 on next 4 strings. Repeat again for last 4 strings
7. Feed each of the cord groupings through one of the holes in the board
8. Knot all together
9. Cut off any excess string hanging down from the knot