

Vernon Area Public Library

Teen Take and Make Kits: Macrame Keychain

Supplies Provided:

- *1 Key Chain Hook*
- *Macrame Cord*

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Supplies Needed From Home:

- *Scissors*
- *Ruler*
- *Masking or Painter's tape*
- *Paper clip or pencil*

Directions:

1. Cut three pieces of the macrame cord to 48 inches, and cut one piece to 20 inches.
2. Attach the three 48 inch strings to the keychain clasp by folding one of the strings in half, making a loop at the top. Put the loop underneath the keychain clasp, and pull the bottom two ends of the string through the loop, then tighten. Repeat with the other two 48 inch strings.
3. After the three strings are attached use tape to secure the keychain clasp to the table.

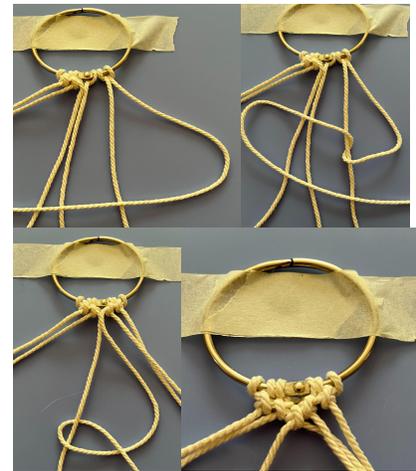


Directions continued:

4. Make diagonal knots to the center strings. On the left side of the keychain, wrap the furthest left string around the right string by making a “4” shape with the string, and tighten. Repeat once so you have two double knots on the left side of your keychain.



5. On the right side of the keychain, wrap the furthest right cord around the second-from-right cord, making a backwards “4” shape. Repeat once so you have two double knots on the right side of your keychain. At the center, tie the two strings you just used to tie the knots, on the left and right side together. This will create a V shape. Repeat 6 more times.



6. For the last row, do the diagonal knots on both sides, but do not knot the center strings when finished.



7. Tie the left string around the next two strings twice, then repeat on the right side.



Directions continued:

8. Fold the 20 inch string in half. Place the end that has a loop at the opposite end of the keychain clasp, with its two ends facing the top.



9. Using the 20 inch string, take one of the two ends from the top, and wrap around the bottom four times.



10. Take the leftover end of the string you just used to wrap, and find the loop at the bottom of the strings. Put the leftover end through the loop and using the top string pull the loop tight.



11. Cut the ends of the strings you used to make the final knot at the bottom.

12. Use a paperclip, brush, pencil or your fingers to unravel the tail of the strings at the bottom of the wrapped knot. Optional: When finished unraveling the strands cut the ends into a mermaid tail shape.

