



**Using Your  
Douglas Kent Furoshiki**



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# Introduction

## ***One furoshiki, two furoshiki, three furoshiki***

Now that you own a furoshiki, you should also use the term properly! The plural of *furoshiki* isn't *furoshikis*, but *furoshiki*.

Whether you have one or many, we hope you enjoy your Douglas Kent furoshiki!

## ***History of furoshiki***

Over 1,200 years ago, the Japanese washed themselves in public baths called sentō. However, leaving their clothes in a pile let them get dirty or mixed up with the clothes of other bathers. To keep them separate, bathers began bundling their clothes in square cloths called furoshiki. By the mid-Nara period (750 AD), they were commonly used.

Gradually, furoshiki began to also be used to bundle laundry and goods to protect and transport them.

As their use spread, furoshiki were also used to wrap gifts. Unlike wrapping paper, furoshiki are removed and immediately returned to the gift giver; furoshiki aren't considered part of the gift.

## ***Design***

Modern furoshiki are made from silk, cotton, rayon, nylon, and other materials. Douglas Kent furoshiki are made of polyester (a form of nylon) because polyester has better stain, wear, and wrinkle resistance than cotton. Silk is too expensive for everyday use, even in Japan.

Furoshiki are very typically square. Their sizes aren't rigidly standardized, but there are common sizes. Douglas Kent furoshiki are quite large at 70 cm, which we found conveniently held 5-15 bundles of 8 m ropes.

## ***Use***

Furoshiki may be tied in many ways, depending on the shape of the object(s) being wrapped. This booklet illustrates methods we found were best suited to wrapping Douglas Kent rope.

As you use it, your furoshiki will get dirty. Don't let it bother you! The furoshiki is protecting your rope! And while your rope can't easily be cleaned, your furoshiki is fine with machine wash.

# Cleaning your furoshiki

Through regular use, your furoshiki will become dirty. Try not to be bothered by the dirt – as attractive as Douglas Kent furoshiki are, their main purpose is to protect your rope from dirt and contaminants.

Douglas Kent furoshiki are designed for easy cleaning. They're made of polyester, which is strong, silky to the touch, resistant to tearing, and rugged. Polyester is also commonly used for Japanese furoshiki.

## To clean your furoshiki:

1. Wash with your other similarly coloured garments, using regular detergent and warm or cold water.
2. Machine dry at low heat.

*Your furoshiki should now be clean, dry, and practically wrinkle free.*



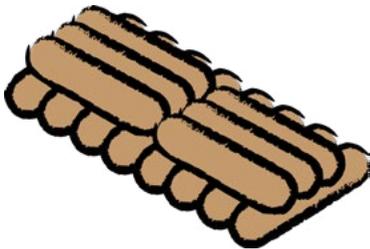
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*(Kousa Tsutsumi)*

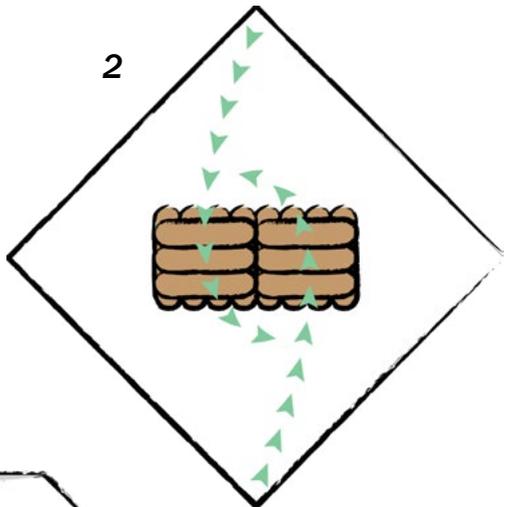
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Best for: 8-14 bundles of 8 m

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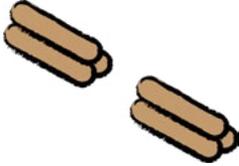
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(*Bin Tsutsumi*)

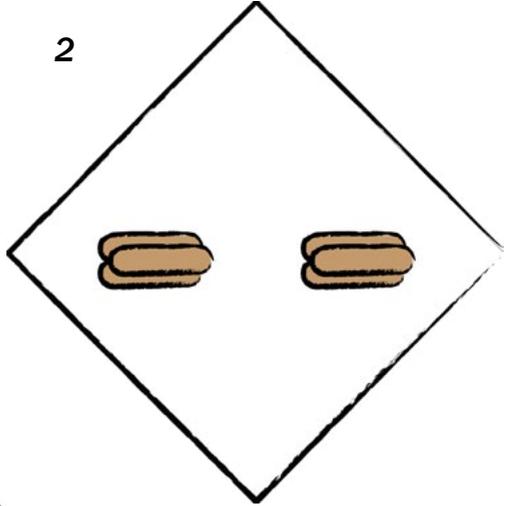
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Best for: 6-12 bundles of 8 m

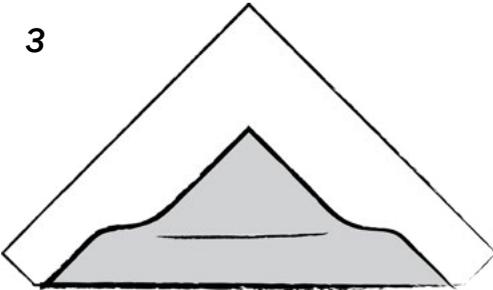
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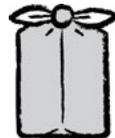
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# Bundled rope: 4-Tie Wrap

*(Yotsu Musubi)*

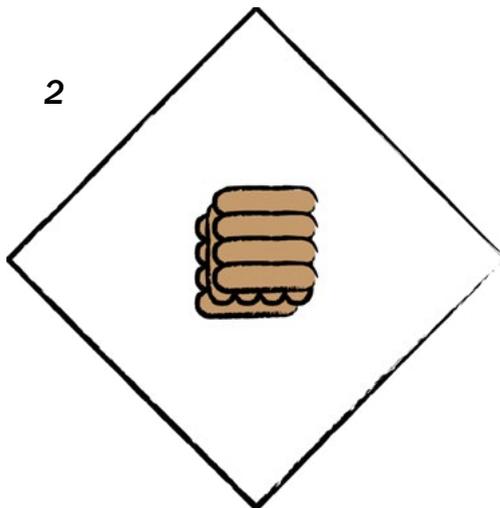
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Best for: 6-12 bundles of 8 m

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# Loose rope: Hand Carry Wrap

(*Tesage Bukuro*)

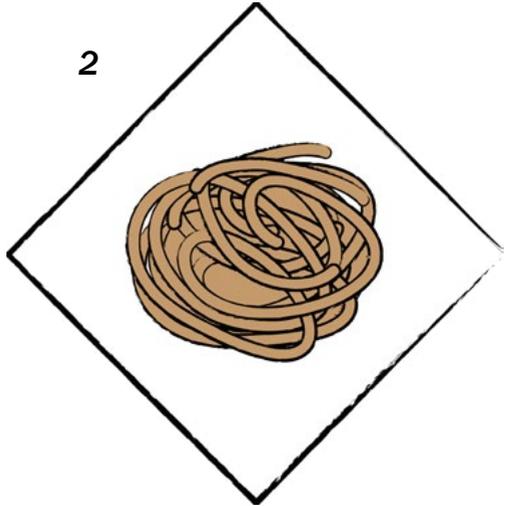
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Best for: loose 32 m - 80 m

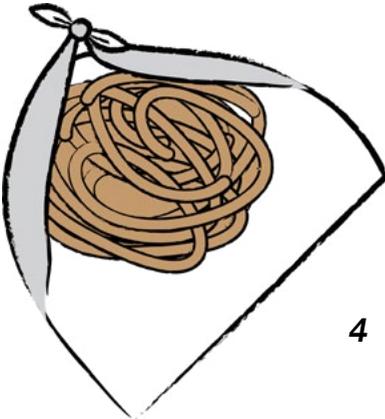
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# Loose rope: Shoulder Carry Wrap

(Katakake Fukuro)

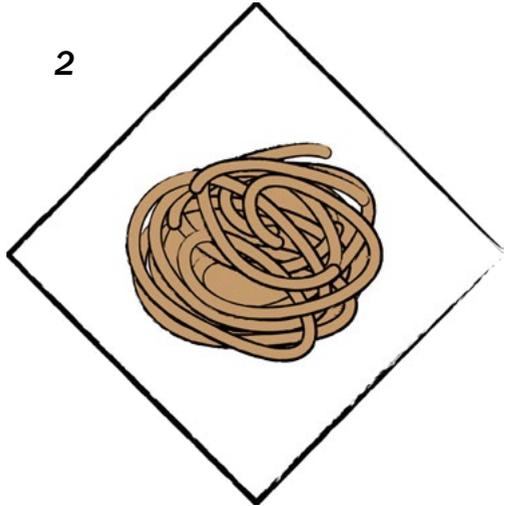
Works for: loose 8 m - 120 m

Best for: loose 32 m - 160 m

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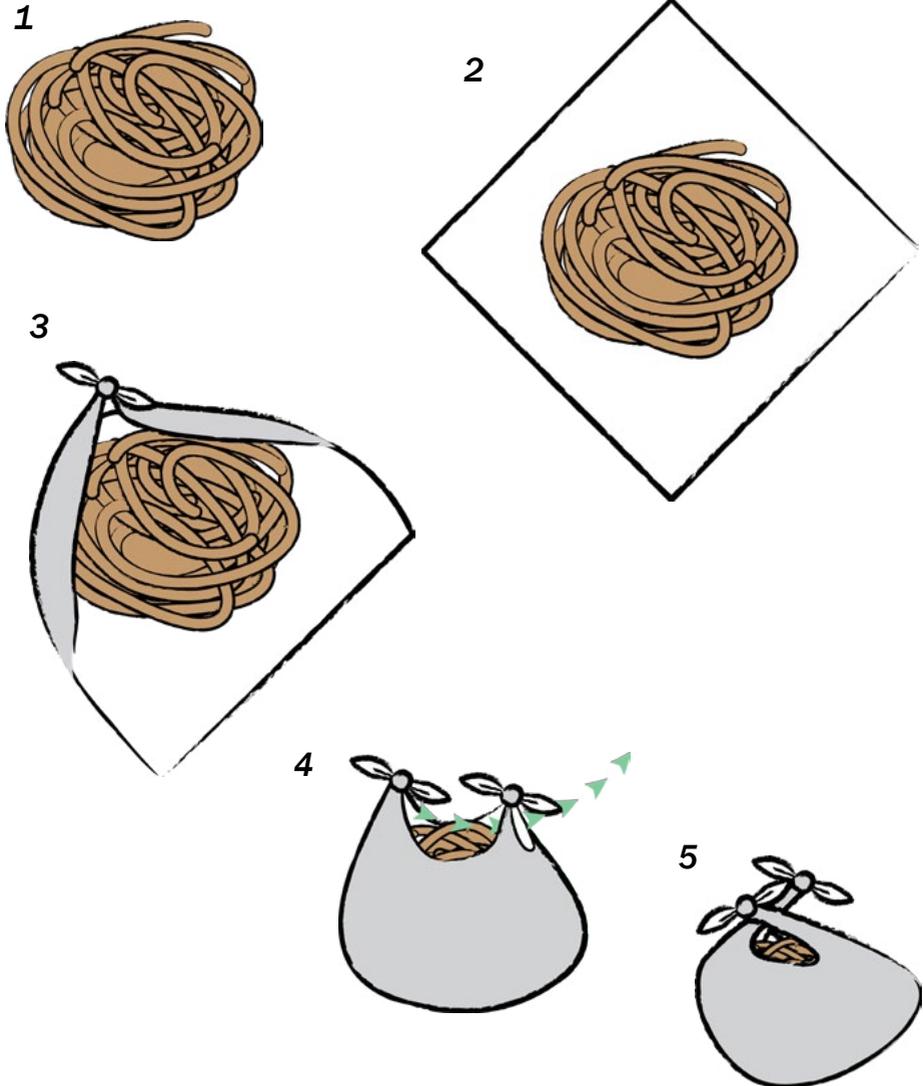


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# Loose rope: Watermelon Carry Wrap (Suika Tsutsumi)

Works for: loose 8 m - 120 m  
Best for: loose 32 m - 80 m





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