

# DIY MACRAME PLANT HANGER TUTORIAL BOOKLET



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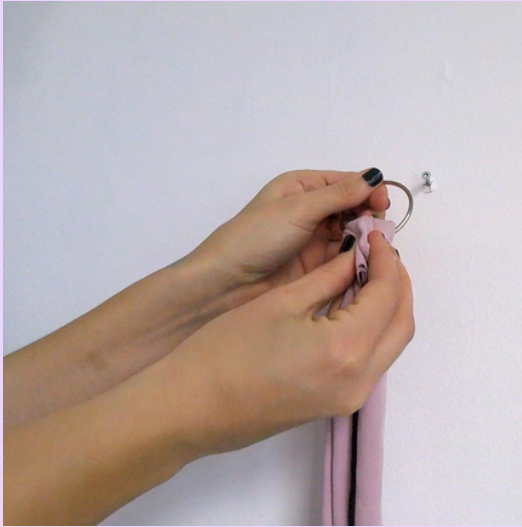
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## **ABOUT MOTHERFUNK SHOP**

MotherFUNK Shop is honoured to operate in Tka'ronto, Kanada the land of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples. MotherFUNK seeks to discover new ways to honour this land by sharing ways to live and self express sustainably and participate in community action that supports the protection of our lands and people.

MotherFUNK Shop specializes in creating bespoke handmade items that keep textiles and other materials out of the landfill. All of MotherFUNK's unique designs are inspired through the use of vintage, upcycled or dead stock materials. Jane A. Smythe (MotherFUNK) is the curator and/or designer and/or maker of all of MotherFUNK Shop's one-of-a-kind items. She is passionate about sustainable artistic practices and social justice. MotherFUNK emphasizes sustainability justice, self care, self expression and joy in every design. Driven by a vision of only possibilities, you can be anything you want to be.



In your kit you will have one metal ring, six long pieces of upcycled macrame strands and three shorter pieces. Gather the six long strands so they are even at the end and feed them through the metallic ring halfway through the ring.



You will be making a secure knot at the top of the hanger under the ring. Take one of the short macrame pieces and have one end of the strand facing up towards the metal ring. Create a small loop by bringing up the longer end of the same strand.



Wrap the same strand 3 to 4 times tightly around all of the strands. Feed the long end (the end you were using to wrap) through the loop you created.



Pull the shorter end at the top to tighten the knot. Cut the excess pieces away and tuck in any pieces that might be visible inside of the knot.



You will now create the spiral knot, or a half square knot so that we can create the hanging part of the basket. This knot requires four strands for each braid. Take the strand on the left and lay it over the two strands to the right and underneath the third strand to the right.



Take the furthest right strand and pass it underneath the two middle strands and pass it through the loop on the left. Pull on the two edge strands to tighten. Make sure that your knots are tight.



Keep performing these steps and you will form a twisting braid. For this planter I recommend 15 to 20 knots per braid. You will have three braids at the end of this step.



The next step will be to create the basket part of the plant hanger. Here we will make one full square knot, three times. This knot requires four strands. Make sure that the four strands are beside each other, taking two strands from one spiral braid and two strands from another spiral braid. I recommend that you make these knots 6 to 8 inches below your spiral braids.



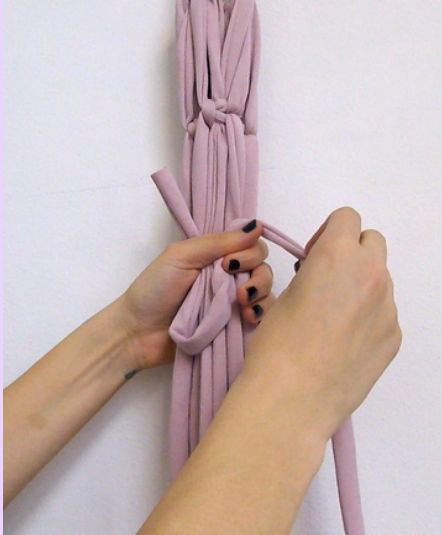
Take the strand on the left and lay it over the two strands to the right and underneath the third strand to the right. Take the furthest left strand and pass it underneath the two middle strands and pass it through the loop on the left. Pull on the two edge strands to tighten



Take the strand on the right and lay it over the two stands to the left and underneath the third strand to the left. Take the furthest left strand and pass it underneath the two middle stands and pass it through the loop on the right.



Ensure that all three of the square knots are at the same level. Pull on the two edge strands to tighten. Repeat these steps two more times.



You will create another secure knot. Make sure this knot is extra secure because this is where most of the weight of your planter will rest! Create a small loop by bringing up the longer end of the same strand. Wrap the same rope 3 to 4 times tightly around all of the strands. Feed the long end (the end you were using to wrap) through the loop you created.





Pull the shorter end at the top to tighten the knot. Cut the excess pieces away and tuck in any pieces that might be visible inside of the knot



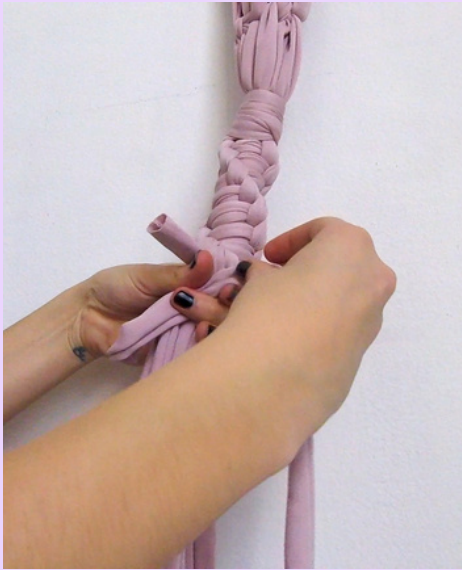
Now it is time to create the large spiral knot, or a half square knot so that we can create the large knot at the bottom. This knot requires all of the strands. You will need four strands to have for the wrapping stitch outside and you will be wrapping the half square knot around the remaining strands. I would recommend choosing the four longest strands that you have left.



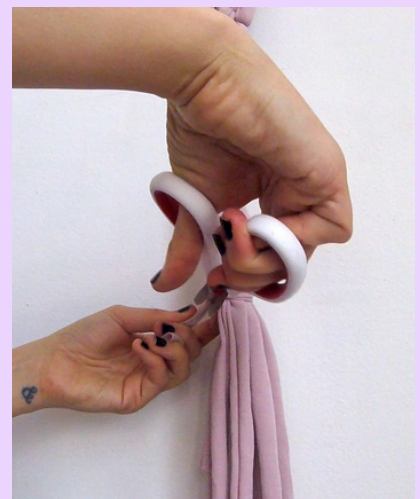
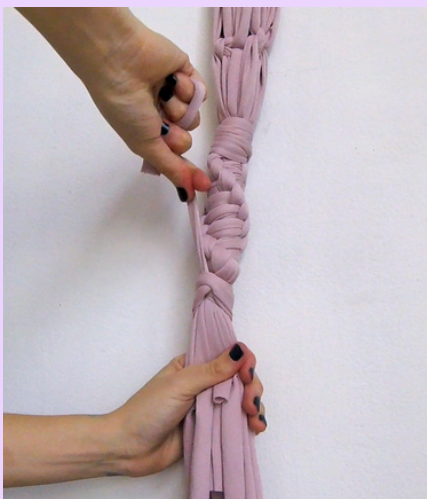
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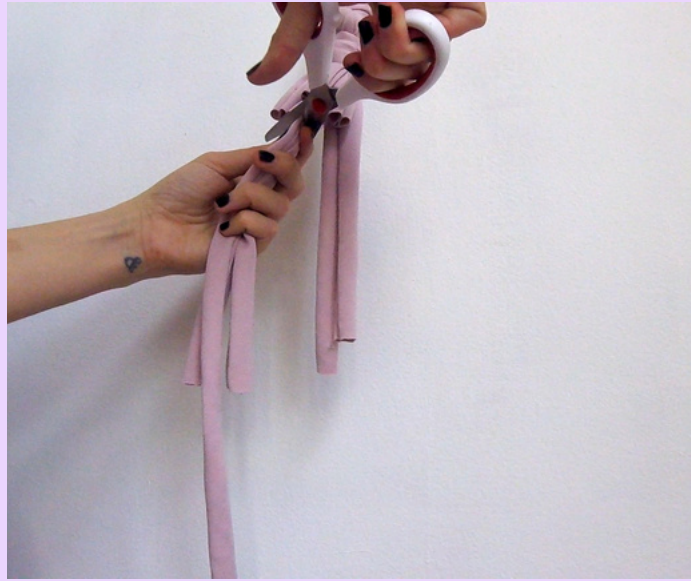
Pull on the two edge strands to tighten. Make sure that your knots are tight. Keep performing these steps and you will form a twisting braid. For this planter I recommend 12 to 15 knots.



You will use your remaining short strand to create another secure knot. Create a small loop by bringing up the longer end of the same strand. Wrap the same strand 3 to 4 times tightly around all of the strands. Feed the long end (the end you were using to wrap) through the loop you created.



Pull the shorter end at the top to tighten the knot. Cut the excess pieces away and tuck in any pieces that might be visible inside of the knot.



Time to give the remaining strands at the bottom a haircut!



There you have it, your very own, handmade and upcycled plant hanger.  
Thanks for learning with MotherFUNK Shop!