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Macrame Pumpkin

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You will be using:

- lark's head
- vertical half hitch knot
- square knot
- gathering knot
- half hitch spiral



You will need:

- about 50m of cord for the pumpkin (we're using 5mm braided cord in Terracotta) and about 4m of green cord for the stem (we're using 5mm braided cord in kiwi)
- sharp scissors
- Old newspapers, kraft paper or leftover cord pieces for stuffing

How to cut the cord

- Pumpkin 2x3m, 2x3.2m, 2x3.5m, 2x4m, 4x5m, 7x0.4m
- Stem 6x0.4m, 1x1.5m





Step 1

Hang 12 folded cords on a stretched piece of cord. Hang them in the order shown on the picture. The ones on the right are to be hung as a mirror reflection, longest on the outside and shortest in the middle.



Step 2

Let's pass onto square knots. Make the first row as shown on the photos.

Make total of 5 rows with square knot making respectively 6-5-4-3-2 knots in a row. Tie them closely to one another and don't make them too loose.



Step 3

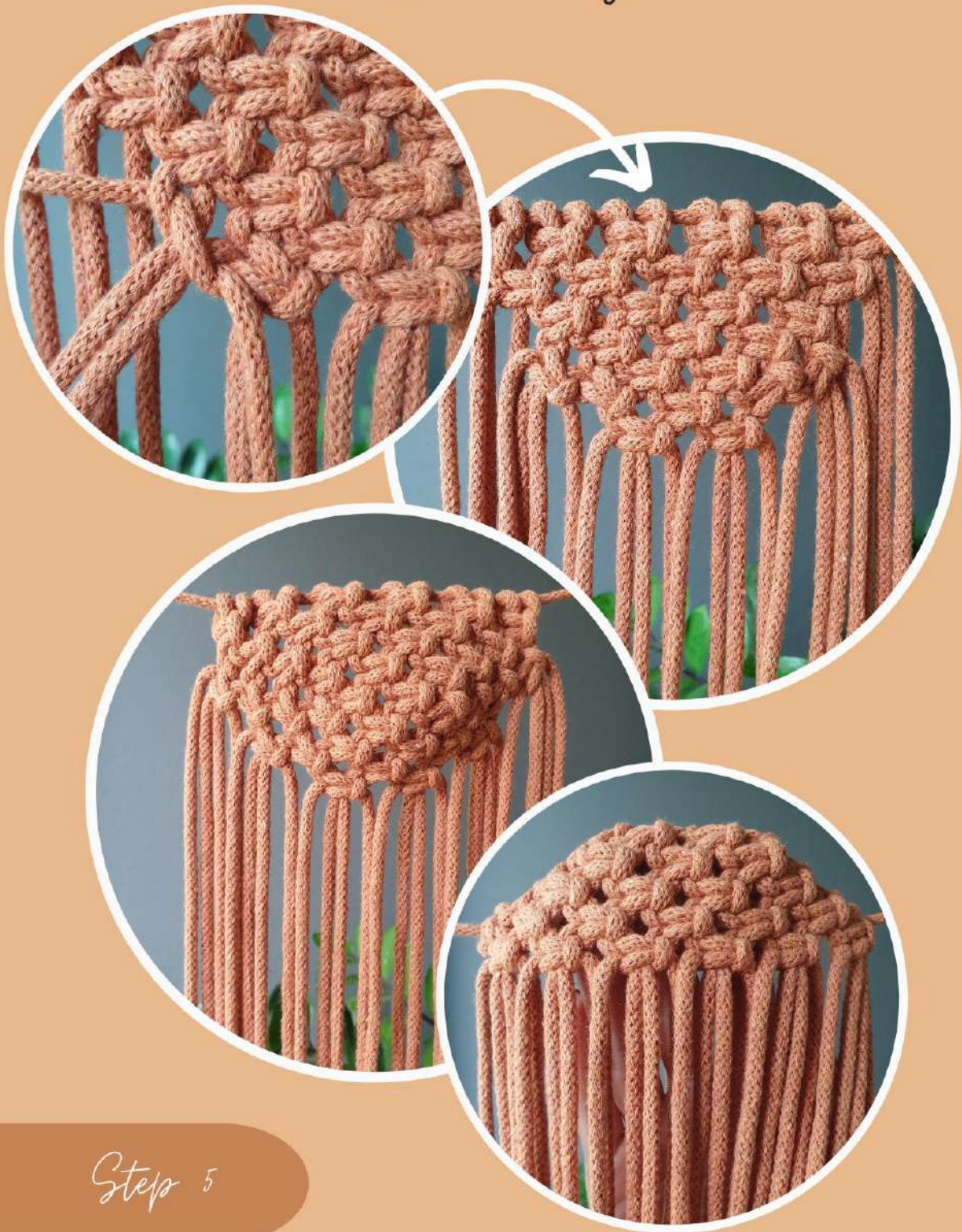
In the next row we need to start adding knots again. The first one on the left has to be made closely to the one above it. For this to be possible, it has to be made diagonally. See the pictures for explanation.





Step 4

Finish the row with 3 square knots making sure that 1 and 3 are made diagonally and lay closely to the knots above them. Thanks to this positioning of the knots we'll make a three-dimensional shape in the next phase.



Step 5

Continue on making square knots. Make 4 more rows adding one more knot in each one until you make a row with 6 square knots. The ready piece should start to deform and create a sort of a „cap”. If you fold it in half like in the last picture, the bottom row should be straight.





Step 6

Next, take one of the 40cm. It will serve as the core for the first row of double half hitches. This will separate one „wall” of the pumpkin from another.





Step 1

Make another „wall” by following steps 2-6.



Step 1

Make the total of 6 pumpkin walls.

While you are working keep adjusting the positioning of the project so that it's a for you to work on.

The 6 ready walls should look like in the picture.

Remember to make the square knots closely to one another but without pulling the cord too tightly.

Now remove the project from the hanger and place it on a flat surface.



Step 1

Pull out the long cord which you had your project hung on. The loops that are left will help you connect two ends of the pumpkin together.



Step 10

Fold the project in half so it is inside out. For each loop on one side take two cords from the other end of the piece. Pull one of them through the loop and tie a tight knot with the other one.

CAUTION! DO NOT USE THE CORE FROM THE LAST HALF HITCH ROW FOR TYING THE LOOPS



Step 11

Keep tying the next cord with respective loops until you connect the two sides of your project together.

Important: do not cut off the tied ! You will use them later :)



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Step 12

Take the 6 core cords coming out from one open side of your project and connect them with a gathering knot using an extra piece of cord. Leave about 1cm of space between the gathering knot and the double half hitches.

Turn your work again so that the right rise faces out. The pumpkin's top should now look like in the last picture.



Step 13

All the side cords (those tied with loops) position nicely inside the pumpkin. Pull out the ones connected with a gathering cord and cores left at the bottom of the pumpkin. Make some paper balls or grab other stuffing.



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Step 14

Stuff the pumpkin carefully, making sure that each „wall” has a nice shape. Use as much stuffing as necessary. The pumpkin should be puffy and full, not flat.

Make sure that you have the gathered cords and cores outside.



Step 15

Tie the opposite cores together firmly. When you have 3 knots ready, connect them tightly with one of the cords pulled out from the other side. Thanks to that your pumpkin will be more solid and will keep its shape better. The last picture shows the pumpkin's top. The little dimple in the middle is created thanks to the last knot you made.





Step 16

Pull the 6 green pieces of cord through the loops pointed at in the picture. You'll make the stem using those.

Next, tie all those cords together with a longer piece of green cord leaving about 10cm of cord on the short side. Grab this piece with the other cords that create the core of the stem.



Step 17

Next, make a spiral around the core cords using the longer piece of cord. After making about 6-7 knots cut off one of the core cords. Keep on cutting one cords every 2-3 knots until you get a singular piece of cord as core. Then tie the last knot the other way to get a nice finish and cut both cords.

Congratulations!

Your one of a kind pumpkin is ready :) It will work great as a prop for a halloween party or as a decor piece for the autumn.

We would love to see your ideas for the pumpkin! Tag us while posting pictures on your social media. #bobbiny

