

TANGLES'N KNOTS

How to Macrame Square Knot



Some knots are like the letters of the alphabet. They are the first knots to be taught and they are used all the time. The Macrame Square Knot is one of these knots. It can be used as a clasp, without beads, with bead or around beads. This knot is used so often with Chinese Knotting Cord (Shamballa Bracelets, Gemstone Bracelets and Friendship Bracelets) that we decided to put together our own tutorial. Happy Knotting!

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MATERIALS:

- Core Cord
- Macrame Cord

TOOLS:

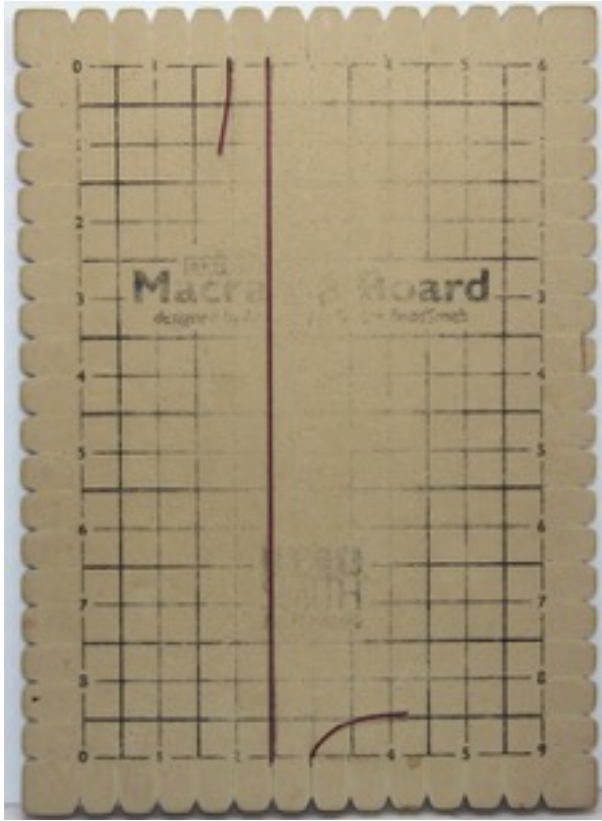
- * Thread Burner
- * Beadsmith Mini Macrame Board

For this tutorial you will need a Core Cord (the cord which you will macrame around) and the Macrame Cord (the cord which we will be making the knots with)

Personal Note: The cords do not have to be the same color, nor do they have to be the same thickness or even the same type!

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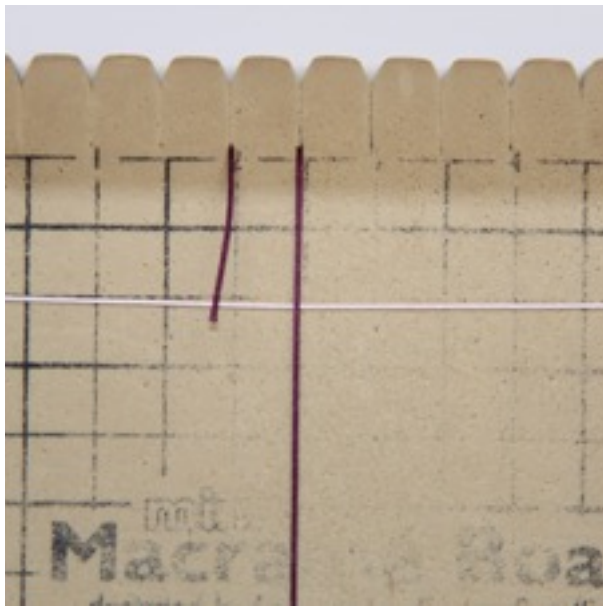
Attach your Core Cord to the Macrame Board. We like to secure our cord to the board by bringing the cord down one slot and up the one next to it.



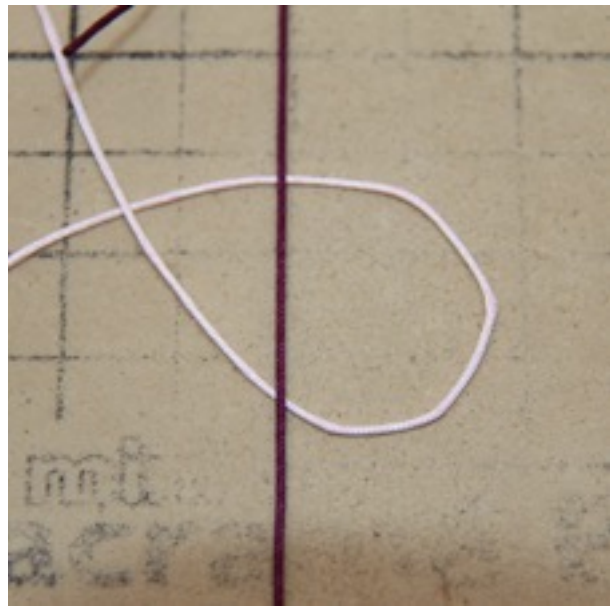
Personal Note: You can use pins as well or if you don't have a board you can tape both ends down onto a table or flat surface.

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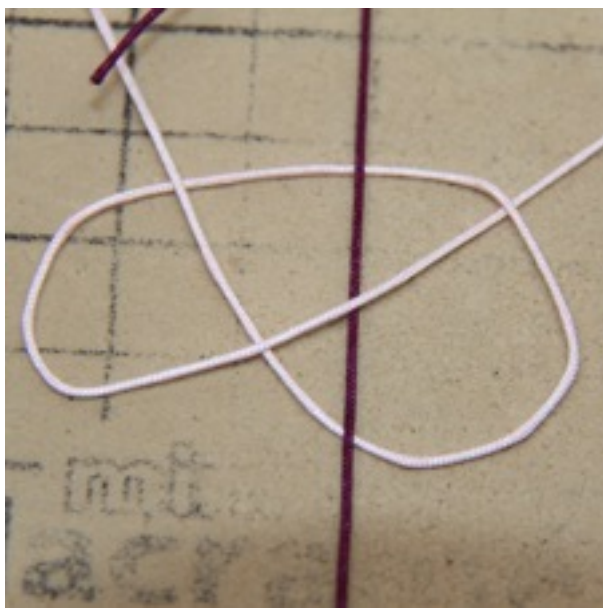
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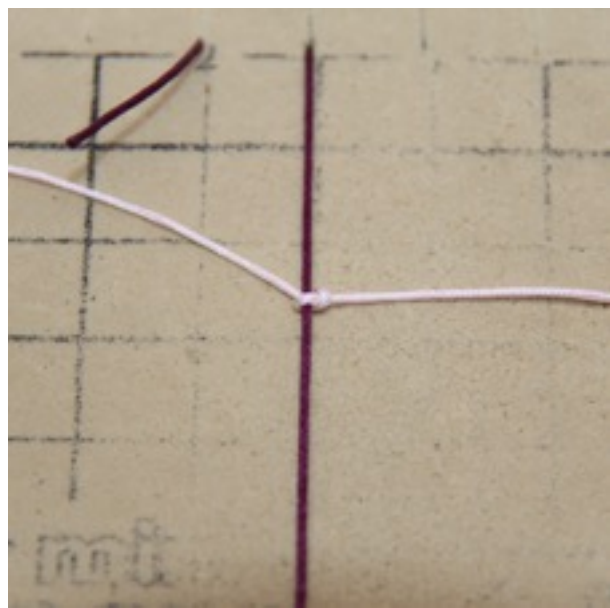
1) Take your Macrame Cord, find the center, and place it under the Core Cord.



2) You can start with either side (we started with the Right side) and run it under your Core Cord and lay it over the Left Side.



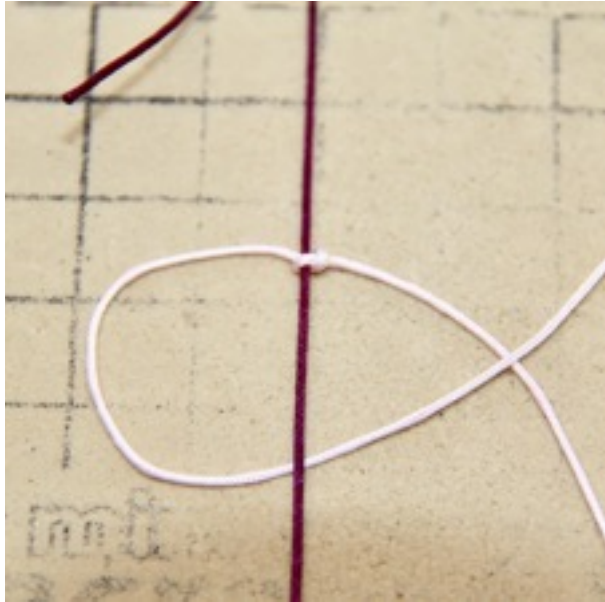
3) Take the Left Side and run it over the Core Cord and under the loop made by the Right Side.



4) Tighten. This is HALF a square knot.

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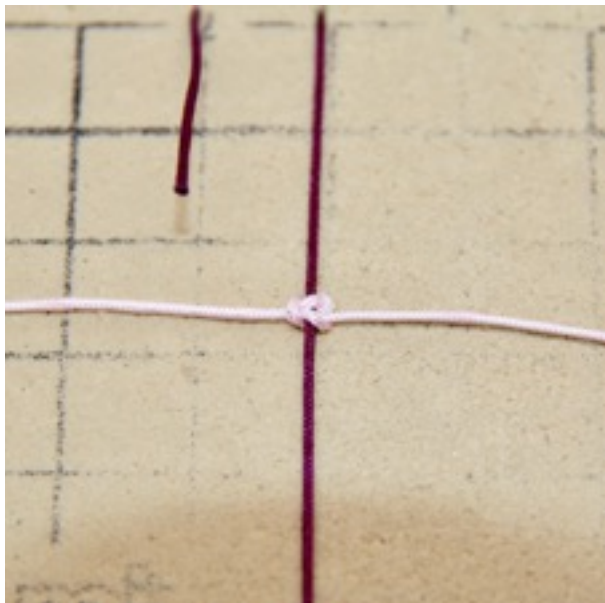
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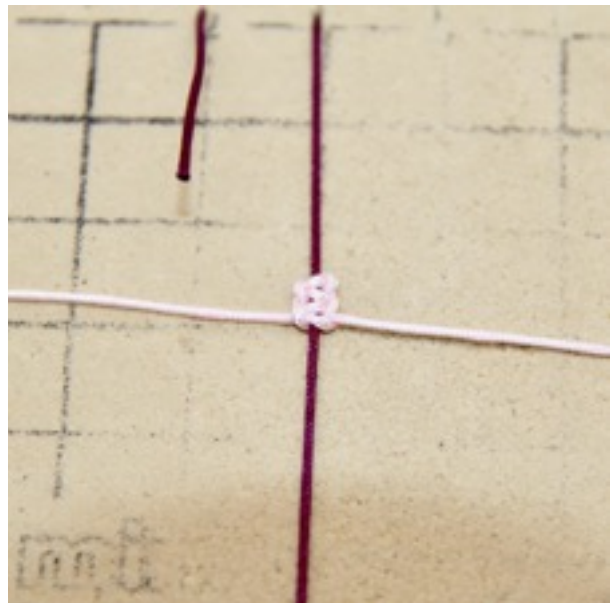
5) To make the other HALF, do the opposite. Take the Left Side and run it under the Core Cord and over the Right Side.



6) Take the Right Side and run it over the Core Cord and under the loop made by the Left Side over the Right Side.



7) Tighten. You have made a FULL Square Knot.

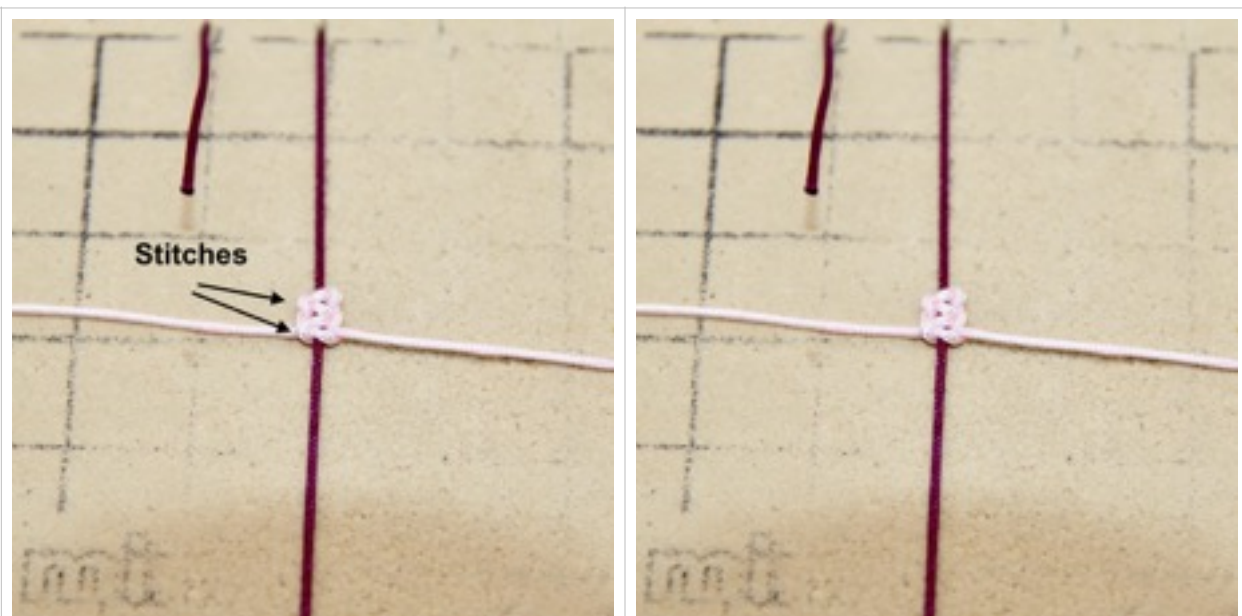


8) Repeat Steps 2 - 7 for desired length.

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Good Things to Know!



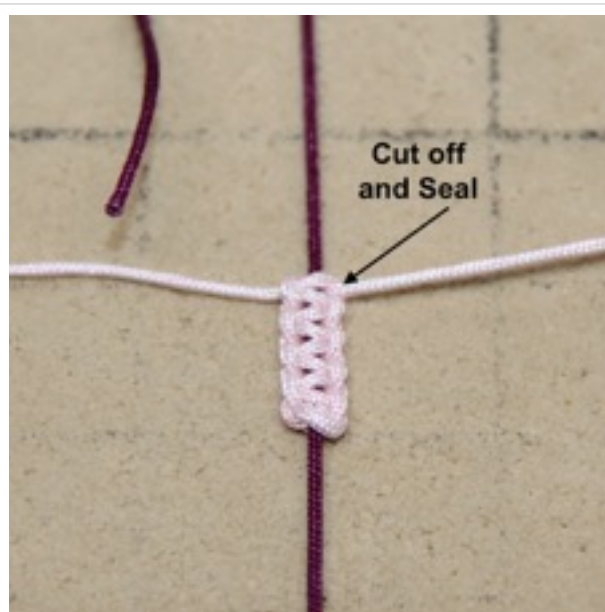
You can tell how many knots you have made by counting the stitches. Note : on the right there is a only a 1/2 stitch.

If you need to stop knotting and return later you can always tell which cord to start with by looking at which side has 1/2 a stitch. Since the right side is unfinished this is the cord we will restart with.

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How to Cut off and Melt the Ends



Tighten your last knot. To help make sure your knot doesn't unravel, ALWAYS cut and seal the ends on a 1/2 stitch side.

When you cut the cord, melt it a little and then use a finger or spoon to dab the end to spread the seal. You want the seal to stick to the surrounding cords so your knot won't unravel when pulled.

Flip your work and seal the other side. Don't forget to tighten one more time before you cut. You are Finished!

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