

Macramé Basket Plant Hanger

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Measurements: (The following measurements are customisable to some extent)

Plant hanger length: 61 cm (2 feet)

Basket height: 18 cm (7 inches)

Basket width: 13 cm (5.1 inches)

Materials:

- 1 x ball of Tough Love Tiny in the color of your choosing (pictured here in Heather)
- Scissors
- S-Hook
- Potted plant

Knot Glossary:

- Wrapping Knot
- 4-Ply Round Lanyard
- Square Knot
- "Inverted" 8-Ply Round Lanyard

STEP 1 Cut your Tough Love Tiny yarn into the following lengths:

- 1 strand at 170cm (5.57 feet), this will be used to wrap the top loop of the plant hanger
- Cut remaining yarn into 8 strands of equal lengths, they should be approximately 280cm each (9.18 feet)

STEP 2 Take 4 of the longer strands of yarn and use the single short strand to create a Wrapping Knot around the middle of all 4 strands, securing them together. Set aside the remaining 4 strands of yarn, these will be used to make the basket portion of the plant hanger. TIP: If you have a clamp or heavy weight, it can be helpful to hold down the 4 yarn strands on a table or flat surface to steady the yarn while you wrap.

STEP 3 Fold the wrapped knot in half so that all strands of yarn come together, you'll now have 8 strands of yarn to work with. To secure the top loop of the plant hanger, use 4 of the strands (2 from either side of the wrapped knot) to make a 4-Ply Round Lanyard. TIP: Take middle of folded wrapped knot and turn it upside down and place between your knees in a sitting position, this helps secure the loop as you make the 4-Ply Round Lanyard. Feel free to make the lanyard knot as long or short as you want.

STEP 4 Hang up your wrapped loop on a hook

STEP 5 It's now time to use the remaining 4 strands that you set aside in step 2. Cut each strand in half so you now have 8 strands at approximate equal lengths.

STEP 6 Attach these 8 shorter strands to the 8 longer strands hanging from your wrapped loop by using a Square Knot. To do this, take one of the loose shorter strands and place the middle of this strand behind one of the 8 longer strands. The longer strand will become the single filler strand, and the shorter strand will become the working strands to make a square knot. Using this technique to secure all of the 8 shorter strands to the main group of strands. NOTE: A standard Square Knot uses 2 filler strands and 2 working strands but for the purpose of this project, only 1 filler strand will ever be used per Square Knot.

STEP 7 Make a second row of Square Knots beneath the first row in a mesh pattern. NOTE: In this example, the Square Knots are alternating each row. So the first row are Left-Facing Square Knots and the second row are Right-Facing Square Knots, then the third row are back to Left-Facing, and so on. It's totally up to you if you want to alternate or not.

STEP 8 Continue making rows of Square Knots in a mesh pattern, gradually making the knots closer together until you're happy with the size and shape of your basket. NOTE: This example uses 9 rows of alternating Square Knots.

> > > Now it's time to decide whether you want a tassel underneath your basket or if you would prefer to make a version without! The version without the tassel is a little trickier but definitely worth a try!

STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4



STEP 6



STEP 7



STEP 8



Plant Hanger with Tassel

STEP 9 Choose 4 of the longer strands of rope that are somewhat evenly positioned around the bottom of the basket. You're going to use these longer strands to finish and close the base of the basket.

TIP: You can tie little knots at the end of each strand so you remember which strands you've chosen.

STEP 10 Make a 4-Ply Round Lanyard with the 4 strands around the remainder of the other strands until you're happy with the length of the lanyard. Trim ends of tassel to the length you desire. And you're done!

Plant Hanger without Tassel

STEP 9 Choose 8 of the longer strands of rope that are somewhat evenly positioned around the bottom of the basket. You're going to use these longer strands to finish and close the base of the basket.

TIP: You can tie little knots at the end of each strand so you remember which strands you've chosen.

STEP 10 Leave the chosen 8 strands hanging and take the other 16 strands and push them up through the bottom opening of the basket. Make sure they're tucked up through the opening as tight as possible. You will no longer use these strands.

STEP 11 Using the 8 hanging strands, you're going to make an "inverted" 8-ply Round Lanyard. Begin by tying a scrap piece of string or rope around all 8 strands at about 3cm (approximately 1.1 inch) down from the bottom of the basket (refer to photo).

STEP 12 Turn the entire plant hanger upside down and take all 8 strands and spread them out evenly so they fall around the tie you made with the scrap yarn. TIP: Place the basket between your knees in a sitting position (gently flatten the basket with your knees).

STEP 13 Begin with any strand of yarn and place it beneath its neighbouring strand. NOTE: Make sure you work consistently in either a clockwise or counter-clockwise direction.

STEP 14 Pick up the neighbouring strand, fold it behind the first strand and continue to place it underneath the next neighbouring strand.

STEP 15 Continue step 14 until you're back to the first strand and complete the first round of this knot. NOTE: It's the same basic principle of the Round Lanyard knot you made for the top loop, but instead of folding each strand over its neighbouring strand, you fold them under.

STEP 16 Make another round of the Lanyard Knot in the same direction. You can start to mould and form the top of your Lanyard Knot so that it starts to form a cylindrical knot that will become the base of your basket. TIP: The key is to pull each strand evenly and gradually around a few times until the knot is tight and even. After the second or third round, you can remove the tied scrap of yarn.

STEP 17 Continue making rounds of the Lanyard Knot until you're happy with the size. 4-6 times around is adequate.

STEP 18 You can now go ahead and hide these 8 remaining strands by pushing or weaving them through gaps in the bottom of the basket.

STEP 19 Now that all of the strands are inside the basket, trim each strand end to about 4-5cm (1.5 - 1.9 inches) and hide them in the bottom of the basket. TIP: If you're having difficulty reaching each strand, you can temporarily turn the basket inside out to trim the ends. And you're done!

Steps for version without tassel

STEP 10



STEP 11



STEP 15



STEP 17



STEP 18

