

**Battle Axe Bondage
Jute Rope Care Instructions**

- Thank you so much for making a purchase from me! You're supporting a local Canadian one-person artisanal operation and helping someone's dreams come true. I'm so grateful for every purchase that goes out, and I hope my products bring some joy into your life as they do mine.
- Along with your rope, you'll find a set of safety shears, a sample of homemade rope balm, and extra whipping thread that matches your rope should you need to make repairs in the future.
- Jute rope is made from long natural plant fibre, so they occasionally dry out and show wear with use over time. My rope balm is specially formulated to provide the moisture the ropes need and to boost the ropes' natural antibacterial and antimicrobial properties.
- Your new jute ropes should be maintained at least once a month to provide optimal protection to the fibre and to ensure they're in good condition.

How to Care for your Jute Ropes:

- An oven, preheated to 350F
- A pan to put your ropes in for baking
- Aluminum foil to cover the pan
- Gloves or a cloth to apply the balm to the ropes
- Battle Axe Rope Balm

- Apply a thick coat of rope balm to each rope, making sure to get it into every inch and fibre of the ropes. Take extra care on the thistle knots at the ends, and pay attention to see if there are any loose fibres. Loose jute fibres can be burned off with a lighter.
- I recommend keeping the balm warm in a water bath during this process. To do this, put the closed jar of rope balm in a small steel or glass bowl. Pour hot water around the jar until the water is level with the top of the jar. Wait 15-20 minutes before using so that the beeswax in the rope balm can soften. Remove the jar from the water bath, dry it, and use balm as needed.
- Place the balmed ropes in the baking pan and cover with aluminum foil after balming all of them.
- Bake in the covered pan in 350F oven for 15 minutes. Check to see if all the rope balm has been absorbed by the ropes, and if not, put back in the oven for up to 5 additional minutes, no longer. When there is no longer any visible solid chunks of balm and the fibres look visibly plumper, your rope is ready.
- Hang your rope to dry or store as usual, with love!