

WEEK 6 BOX

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CRAFTS FOR THE WEEK

1. Mother's Day Picture Frame
2. Mother's Day Card
3. Weave Your Own Bookmark
4. Hemp Bracelet/Necklace
5. Flower Basket Weaving

COLOR YOUR OWN MOTHER'S DAY PICTURE FRAME



Decorate frame for Mom!
Use paints or markers.

MOTHER'S DAY CARD

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Printed template
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors

My favorite thing about this printable Mother's Day card is it requires more than just a name signed.

Adding a few simple prompts that ask your kiddo simple questions mean their precious, sometimes silly, answers make the card a keepsake. Little drawings, handwritten words in little kid writing- that stuff doesn't last forever. (Trust me- those sweet little writings get further and further in between when little kids turn into big kids!)

Encourage your kids to add color, words, or even use small photos to fill the heart spaces. Then the hearts fold in, and all four "flaps" fold in. This full size card folds up to the deceptively small square shape that is the base.



WEAVE YOUR OWN BOOKMARK

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Bookmark template
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Yarn, string or wool (optional)

Color your paper weaving paper strips.

Cut out all strips in one block by cutting around the dotted line.

Fold the strips in half – so that both sides align as perfectly as possible. Make the crease neat and glue together.

Cut out each of the 3 strips.

Glue the first two strips of paper together at RIGHT ANGLES.

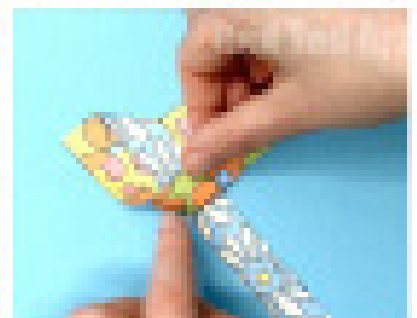
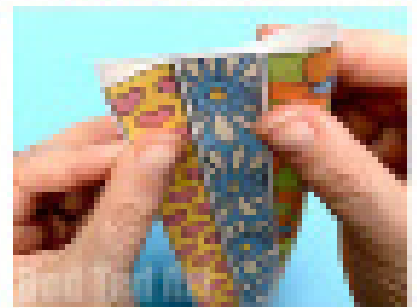
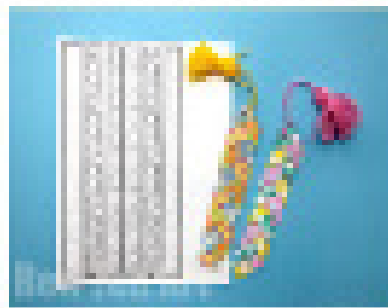
Align the 3rd strips of paper next to one of the two other strips.

Now start alternatively folding down the "left and right" side of your paper weave until you get to the bottom.

Secure with a little glue and trim.

You can now hole punc one end of your bookmark and add string or yarn to finish it off.

Your paper weaving printable bookmarks for Mother's Day are finished. Enjoy!



HEMP BRACELET/NECKLACE

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Hemp cord
- Beads
- Tape
- Scissors
- Glue

Once you've gathered all your supplies, cut your hemp cord into the following measurements: (1) 10'' piece • (1) 20'' piece • (1) 70'' piece (the remainder)

Find the centers of the 20'' piece and the 70'' piece and place the center loop of one on top of the center of the other.

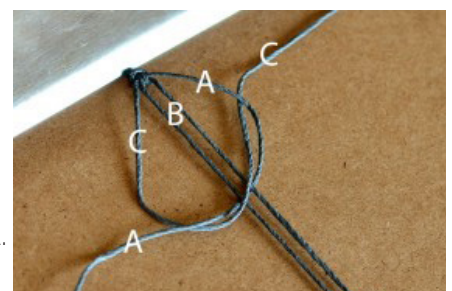
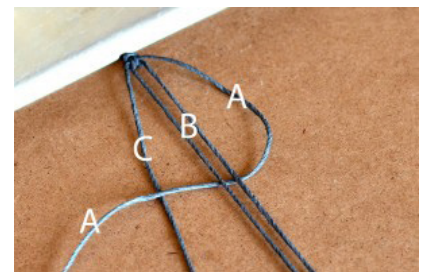
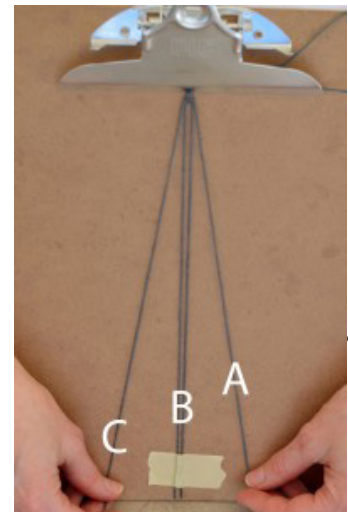
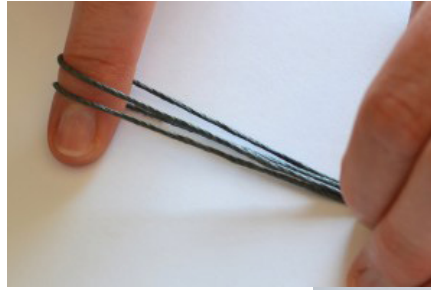
Then, take the center of your 10'' cord and make a half-hitch knot around the center of the longer four strands. Check to make sure the cording is still even and all ends still match up.

Now you'll want to anchor the project, so you can make nice, tight knots. For a short project like a bracelet, a clipboard works great since it makes your project portable. Secure the short (10'') cord into the top clip. Pull the 20'' cords tight and tape them to the bottom of the clipboard. Leave the longest 2 cord ends dangling loosely.

If you don't have a clipboard, you can anchor your cords to table top with tape. (When I was a kid, I anchored long projects by tying the anchor cord to my Mom's cabinet handle and sitting on the center cords to keep them taut).

It's time to start knotting! This bracelet project uses a single basic knot, called the square knot (a.k.a. half knot). To create a square knot, follow the illustrations below, in which the long (knotting) cord that starts on the right is "A," the two short (filler) cords in the middle are "B" and the long (knotting) cord that starts on the left is "C".

- Start with cord A and bring it behind cords B, forming a loop (about the size of a 50-cent piece) on the right side.
- Make sure cord C is behind the long length of A (now on the left side).
- Now, bring cord 'C' over cords B and through the loop of cord A. Pull tight.



Tip: The tighter the cord is pulled, the smaller the knot will be. Find your desired size and pull at that same tightness throughout the project for consistency.

Repeat the previous 3 steps, but this time start on the left side with cord "A" to make your 2nd knot.

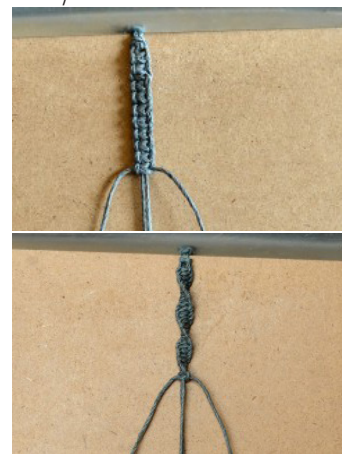
Repeat again, switching back to the right side for the 3rd knot.



Alternate sides for every knot (one knot starting from the left, the next knot starting from the right). Do this for approximately 20 knots. Be sure to create an even number of knots, and remember to pull knots consistently snugly.

Hint: keep track of which side you are working on. After a knot is pulled tight, notice that the side to be worked on next is the side with the cord facing forward, not the cord facing the back.

Note: If you continue knotting from a single side, instead of alternating sides, you will create a half-knot spiral (a.k.a. spiral stitch) instead. The spiral stitch is also really cool and can also be used to make a bracelet. Just keep in mind that it will have more dimension and will not lay flat.



Adding beads to your macramé pattern:

Tip: to make stringing the beads easier (and help prevent the ends of the B cords from fraying), rub a dab of glue into each B cord end and form each end into a tip. Let the tips dry, then commence stringing.

Slide your first bead over both cords B, and push it up close to the last knot (don't bunch up the knots). If the bead is difficult to slide over the cord, twist the bead as you push it on. Go around the beads with cords A and C, then make a knot as usual with cord A (starting on the right side, assuming your last knot before adding the bead started on the left).

Push the knot up to the bottom of the bead and tighten to the desired consistency. Add 3 more alternating knots.

Add 2 more beads the same way (adding 4 knots after each bead).



It's a good idea at this point to test the length on your wrist (or ankle). Does it go about half way around? If yes, then this is the middle — only add 2 more beads. If no, then continue adding beads (with 4 knots after each bead). Don't worry if it seems like the project won't be long enough. That piece of cord hanging back at the beginning makes this project any desired length between 6 and 12 inches.

After adding your last bead, make about 20 more knots (the same number you made at the beginning).

Pull all (remaining) cords snugly and tie a knot. Trim the ends and add a dab of glue for extra security. This forms the "button" or "hook" part of your clasp.



FLOWER BASKET WEAVING

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Printed flower basket template
- Colored paper strips
- Glue, glue stick or tape
- Scissors
- Pens, crayons or markers

Color in your Mother's Day Flowers and cut out.

Once this the coloring is finished, cut out your two weaving basket pieces – there is a front piece and a back piece.

Cut the strips into your front pieces.

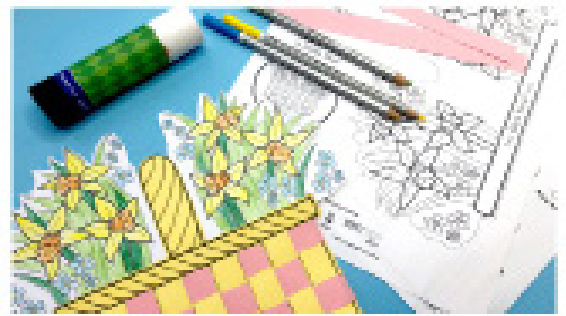
You will now need 4-5 strips of contrasting coloured paper. Glue down one of the paper strip and start weaving. Glue down at the other end.. and let the excess "hang over the edge".. you will trim it at the end.

Make sure each strip of paper is glue down at both beginning and end!

Take the next strip of paper and again, add a little glue, but this time glue UNDER the first section and start weaving.

Glue the paper woven basket to your flowers.

Your gorgeous Mother's Day Flower Basket Weaving craft is finished (boy what a mouthful.. but isn't it pretty?!)



Mother's Day FLOWER BASKET PAPER WEAVING

