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MACRAMÉ
A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO MACRAMÉ

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Neutral-Colored Coasters

These coasters will measure about 5" (12.7 cm) in diameter. If needed, clean with a damp cloth using mild soap and warm water.

Tools, Materials & Knots Needed

We'll be using 4mm zero-waste single strand cotton cord in this project. I've used the following:

Olive
Ivory
Oat

SUPPLIES:

One 46" (117 cm) cord, olive
Three 28" (71 cm) cords, olive
Three 28" (71 cm) cords, ivory
Three 18" (45.7 cm) cords, olive
Three 18" (45.7 cm) cords, oat
Three 11" (27.9 cm) cords, olive
Three 11" (27.9 cm) cords, oat
Cork trivet
Pushpins
Pet brush or fine-tooth comb
Scissors
Tape measure

OPTIONAL:

Fabric stiffener
Hot glue gun

KNOTS:

Lark's head knot
Double half hitch knot





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1b



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One

Start by looping the end of your 46" (117 cm) olive cord over itself, ensuring the end of the cord is under the longer section. This will be your working cord. Thread one of your 28" (71 cm) olive cords under the stacked section of your loop.

Two

Attach it using the lark's head knot.

Three

Repeat with the ivory cord, and continue alternating the colors with your 28" (71 cm) cords.



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Four

Pull the working cord, which closes your loop. Do not lose your short end. You can pull on it also to further tighten your loop.



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Five

Pin your work to the cork. This is an important step! Your working cord should always be on top of your remaining cords.



Six
Starting with the first olive cord to the right of your working cord, add a double half hitch knot. Continue this all the way around. Move your pins around as you work to prevent your work from curling up into a bowl shape.
Once you have gotten back to where you started, there will be a gap in the middle of the two olive cords.

Seven
Thread one of your 18" (45.7 cm) olive cords under your working cord.
Eight
Attach the cord using a lark's head knot, and continue your double half hitch knots. There will be a gap in the middle of the two ivory cords.



Nine
Add one of your 18" (45.7 cm) oat cords using a lark's head knot. Continue this process, adding your remaining 18" (45.7 cm) cords.
Ten
Go around one more time without adding any cords. There will be a gap in the center of your olive section. Add one of your 11" (27.9 cm) olive cords here.

Eleven
Continue your double half hitch knots. Then add one of your 11" (27.9 cm) cords to the center of your oat section.
Twelve
Continue this process, adding your remaining 11" (27.9 cm) cords.

Pro Tip

Add a few drops of hot glue on the bottom of the coaster to keep it from sliding on your coffee table.



Thirteen

Go around one more time without adding any cords. Trim the fringe, using your fingers as the length measurement.

Tip: For a perfect measure, there are cutting guides available to use with a rotary cutter.



Fourteen

Using your pet brush or comb, brush out the fringe.



Fifteen

If you are not using fabric stiffener, evenly trim again once brushed out. If you are using fabric stiffener, spray it on, brush again, and let dry before trimming the ends evenly.