



Petal Earrings

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Double Half Hitch Knot

Alessia Iorio, the woman behind Knotted World, is not afraid of experimenting. The self-taught designer has been working with macramé since she was a little girl, learning just enough from a book she bought from a local hobby shop to get her started. She is now well known for the precise little pieces – almost miniatures in thread – that she creates and sells through her Etsy shop.

ABOUT THE PETAL EARRINGS 🌀🌀

If you've mastered the techniques to make the drop earrings on page 22, this is the perfect next step, showing how a different knot can be applied to jewellery, and also demonstrating the exciting effects you can achieve when you use more than one colour. The way in which you arrange your threads determines the colour patterns that result, so it's worth spending a bit of time planning this in greater detail.

ABOUT THE DOUBLE HALF HITCH KNOT 🌀🌀

The double half hitch knot is one of the main decorative knots used in macramé and features in a wide range of designs and styles. It's simple enough to learn and is a pretty essential knot to master. Remember, practice makes perfect!

You will need

- Eight pieces of waxed cotton string, in four different colours, 20 cm (8 in) in length. There are 32 pieces of cord in total
- A pair of French hook ear wires with matching rings. The rings must open so they can be attached to the earring wires
- Fabric glue
- Scissors

Other knot used

- Lark's head knot, page 18

Tip

Working on such small precision pieces is best done using a working board. Pin the rings to the board then attach the cords. Make sure you have good, even lighting to work under.

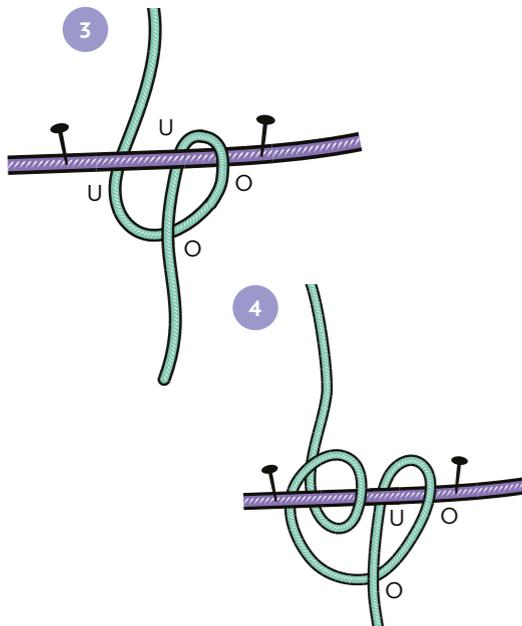
How to Tie a Double Half Hitch Knot

1: Lay a 12.5-cm (5-in) cord vertically on a working board or tabletop. This is the working cord.

2: Lay a 15-cm (6-in) cord horizontally across the mid-point of the working cord. This is the holding cord. Pin or tape both ends of the holding cord to the working board or tabletop.

3: Take the bottom end of the working cord up and over to the right. Thread it under the holding cord and over the working cord as you pull it back through and down. You have now tightened the first half hitch knot.

4: Move the existing half hitch slightly to the right to make room for the second half of the knot. Repeat step 3, positioning the second half hitch to the right of the first. You have now tied a double half hitch knot.



How to Make the Petal Earrings

1: Attach four cords of the same colour (shown here as pink cords) to one of the rings using a lark's head knot (see page 18) to secure each cord. These are the working cords.

2: Attach three cords (inactive cords) in three different colours to the first pair of working cords, using the double half hitch knot instructions on the left.

3: Use your pink working cord to tie a double half hitch knot under the three inactive cord knots.

4: Feed the inactive cords that are nearest the ring (shown here as the yellow cords) over and down in front of the other inactive cords. Knot the left pink cord to the left yellow cord with a double half hitch knot. Repeat for the right pink cord and right yellow cord.

5: Knot the two yellow cords together at the base of the other cords with a double half hitch knot.

6: Make the right inactive cord (now the purple cord) nearest the ring the new working cord. Feed it over the next cord down (here the red cord) and use it to tie a double half hitch knot on the pink and yellow cords on the right. Both the pink and yellow cords act as inactive cords. Repeat this process knotting the purple cord onto the pink and yellow cords on the left.

7: Knot the two purple cords together at the base of the other cords with a double half hitch knot.

