

Double flat button knot

This is another variation of the button knot and can be tied with one cord or doubled as it is here. A stitch may be required on the back of the knot to keep it stable.

Checklist

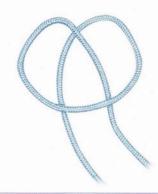
DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: 9

CORD REQUIRED: 40 cm (16 in) per knot.

EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: Pins and a board make tving this knot easier.

WHERE TO USE IT: Focal knot; can be used as a closure through a large loop on the opposite end of a necklace.

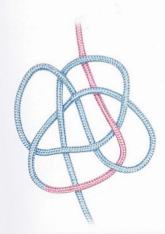
1 Pass the working end of the cord up over the anchored end, back down over and then under the cord, as shown.



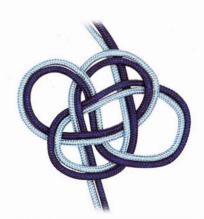
2 Take the working end, make another loop on the right of the knot, then pass the cord under, over, under and then over the two previously made loops.



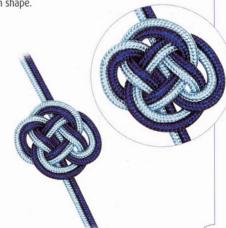
3 Take the cord down, make a loop at the bottom of the knotting, then take the cord up the knot, passing it over, under, over, under, then under again.



4 To double the knot, take the second cord through the knot, following the exact path of the first cord. Ensure the two cords remain parallel throughout and do not allow them to twist round each other.



5 Pull the cord ends to begin tightening the knot, then pull the cords through the knot until the loops are the desired size and the knot is an even shape.



Sliding button knot

The sliding button knot is another variation of the very versatile button knot (see page 30) and involves tying the knot around a cord.

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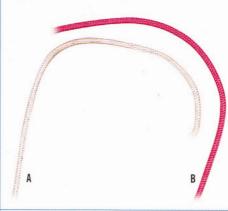
DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY: 쑛

CORD REQUIRED: 40 cm (16 in) per knot.

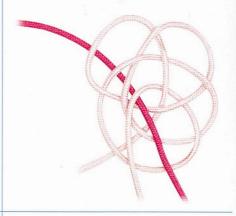
EQUIPMENT REQUIRED: None. Can be hand tied.

WHERE TO USE IT: Can be used to make repeating button knots around cords, enabling the use of alternate coloured cords, or as a useful way to change the length of a necklace so that a clasp is not required.

1 Start off by arranging two cords as shown. Two different colours are used to clearly show how to tie a button knot around a second cord, or the opposite end of the working cord.



2 Use cord A to tie a button knot around cord B. Ensure cord A is in the correct place running through the middle of the knot.



3 Carefully tighten the button knot, tightening the loops by pulling the cord through the knot.



4 Now turn the knotting around so the tied knot is on the left, and use cord B to tie a button knot around cord A.



5 Tighten the knot as before. Pulling the two cords should result in the knots sliding closer together. To pull the knots apart, slide them away from each other.

