

SKILL LEVEL

Intermediate ++

APPROXIMATE TIME

45 minutes per tree

FINISHED SIZE

Each tree measures
12 x 22cm (4¾ x 8½in)

KNOTS USED

- * Lark's head knot (page 16)
- * Square knot (page 20)
- * Alternating square knots (page 28)
- * Double half hitch knot (page 22)

MATERIALS

- * 13m (42½ft) of 3mm braided string per tree
- * 1.5m (59in) of 3mm braided string for hanging

EQUIPMENT

- * Measuring tape
- * Scissors
- * Masking tape

PREPARATION PER TREE

- * Cut eight 1m (39in) lengths
- * Cut four 80cm (31½in) lengths
- * Cut two 60cm (23½in) lengths
- * Cut one 50cm (20in) length of the same or a contrast colour
- * Cut one 1.5m (59in) length as your hanging string

Christmas tree garland

Make five or six Christmas trees for a garland.

They can be all the same colour, or you can alternate the colours as I did. Why not add a third colour if you want, or add some little bells?

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Take the 1.5m (59in) hanging string and fix it on a flat surface with masking tape.
- 2 Take two of the 1m (39in) strings and tie them to the hanging string with a lark's head knot.
- 3 Tie a square knot.
- 4 Take a new 1m (39in) string and add it to the two far left strings with a square knot.
- 5 Take a new 1m (39in) string and add it to the two far right strings with a square knot.
- 6 Tie a square knot with the middle four strings. Take a new 1m (39in) string and add it to the two far left strings with a square knot. Take a new 1m (39in) string and add it to the two far right strings with a square knot.
- 7 Tie two alternating square knots, followed by one alternating square knot underneath.
- 8 Tie two diagonal lines of double half hitch knots, then close them in the centre with a double half hitch knot.
- 9 Take a new 1m (39in) string and add it to the first two far left strings with a square knot.
- 10 Take a new 1m (39in) string and add it to the two far right strings with a square knot.
- 11 Starting from the left-hand side, tie a diagonal line of square knots.
- 12 Repeat on the other side and close the two diagonals with a square knot using the four middle strings.

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- 13 Tie two diagonal lines of double half hitch knots and close them in the centre with a double half hitch knot.
- 14 Take a new 80cm (31½in) string and add it to the far left strings with a square knot.
- 15 Take a new 80cm (31½in) string and add it to the two far right strings with a square knot.
- 16 Starting from the left-hand side, tie a diagonal line of square knots.
- 17 Repeat to add a diagonal line of three square knots on the other side, then close the two diagonals with a square knot using the four middle strings
- 18 Take a new 80cm (31½in) string and add it to the first two, left-hand strings with a square knot.
- 19 Tie a diagonal line of three square knots below.
- 20 Take a new 60cm (23½in) string and add it to the first two, left-hand strings with a square knot.
- 21 Tie a diagonal line of two square knots below.
- 22 Tie a square knot with the first four strings.
- 23 Repeat steps 18–22 on the other side.
- 24 Take the first string and use it as a guide to tie a double half hitch with string #2.
- 25 Use both the guide and string #2 as your new guide and tie a double half hitch with string #3.
- 26 Use both the guide, strings #2 and #3 as your new guide and tie a double half hitch with string #4.
- 27 Continue following the same principle until you have tied the first half of the strings except the last three.
- 28 Repeat on the other side.
- 29 Turn the Christmas tree. With the 50cm (20in) contrast colour string tie a gathering knot.
- 30 To finish, trim the fringe to your desired length.





- 11 Divide the strings into ten sets of five.
- 12 Start with one set of ten. Tie a square knot with the four strings in the middle.
- 13 Next tie two diagonal lines of double half hitch knots and close with a double half hitch knot.
- 14 Add one of the 1.5m (59in) strings onto the string on the far left and one onto the string on the far right of the macramé using a reversed lark's head knot.
- 15 Continue by tying two new diagonal lines of double half hitch knots.
- 16 Repeat with each set of strings.
- 17 Take the metal star and place it over the macramé. Each macramé triangle should sit just inside the star's inward points.
- 18 Take the two middle strings of each set and tie them to the star's inward angles with double half hitch knots.
- 19 Measure the two middle strings to 15cm (6in) and trim them. Keep the leftover strings; they should be around 40–50cm (16–20in) long – you will use them in step 28.
- 20 Take one 1.5m (59in) string and tie a square knot around the middle two strings.



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- 21 Next tie a row of two alternating square knots.
- 22 Tie an alternating square knot with the four middle strings.
- 23 Tie one alternating square knot on the left.
- 24 Repeat on the other side to create a row of three alternating square knots.
- 25 Next tie a row of two alternating square knots, followed by one alternating square knot underneath.
- 26 Tie two diagonal lines of double half hitch knots and close with a double half hitch knot.
- 27 Take the first and last strings and tie them onto the star frame with a double half hitch knot.
- 28 Take one of the leftover strings from step 19 and tie it onto string #2 with a reversed lark's head knot.
- 29 Tie a diagonal line of double half hitch knots on the left-hand side. Repeat on the right-hand side in the opposite direction.
- 30 Tie the first and last two strings on the star frame with a double half hitch knot.
- 31 Tie two new diagonal lines of double half hitch knots.
- 32 Tie the first and last two strings onto the star frame with a double half hitch knot.
- 33 Tie two new diagonal lines of double half hitch knots.

