

Take & Makes Made Easier



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Things to Consider

- **Level of Difficulty - Creating AND Teaching**
 - Easy enough for a ten year old, but looks grown up?
 - Can you teach it? Can you write instructions for it?
- **Consider your time**
 - Will you have to cut paper? Hole Punch? Measure? Repackage? It might be worth spending more on short-cut items. (Glue dots, etc.)
- **Think about Supplies Needed.**
 - How will you package the supplies?
 - Portion cups, wax paper, glassine envelopes are some of my favorites.
 - [Share your tips in the chat!](#)



Jars!

- Spotted easy macrame on [Oui Crafts website](#) (Yoplait is smart).
- Don't feel like eating 50 jars of yogurt? The little jars are available online.



Macrame Hanging Jars: The Process

Try before you buy.

Or at least before you buy the bulk of the materials.

Such cute little jars! I thought “small jar, small string.”

- I thought wrong.
- Not as cute as I thought.
- The rope was hard to work with.
- I almost threw the whole idea out the window.
(And I wanted to throw the string across the room.)



If at first you don't succeed

- **Watch another tutorial. Find written instructions. Try another method.**
- **Is there something that could make the process easier?**
 - Simplify a step? Glue dots, magnets that come with adhesive, etc.
 - What can you take away from the craft?
 - We are giving folks a free craft! It doesn't have to be elaborate.



- **What was the biggest hang up for this craft?**



That said...

- If it's still too hard, don't do it.
- If you are frustrated, your patrons will be too.

- Realizing a craft won't work is **WIN**.
 - You saved yourself from patron complaints! :-)





MACRAME HANGING JAR

Melissa's video tutorial: www.mhpl.org/macrame

I'm going to be honest - I'm not a technical writer. 😊

Watching the video might help you more than these instructions!

Included in kit: 4mm macrame cord, wooden ring, small jar

You'll need a pair of scissors. A piece of tape or heavy book might be helpful.



Fold your long rope in half by lining up the two ends. Then fold in half again so you have one loop, and two loose ends one one side, and two loops on the other.



Fold in half again. One on end you have four loops. On the other end you'll have three loops and two loose ends.



On the end with the two loose ends and three loops, cut the loops so you end up with eight loose ends. On the other end you'll keep the four loops.

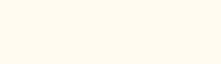
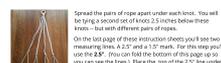
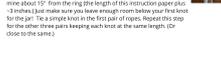


Pull rope up through this loop.



Using the "loop" end of the rope, pull the four rope loops through the wooden ring. Try to keep them relatively tidy. Pull the ropes up and over the ring and create a circle large enough to lift the eight long pieces through.

Pull the long pieces up through the loop you created in the previous step.



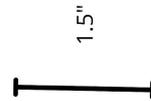
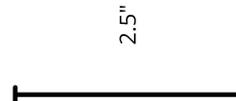
You are almost done! Now you need to tie a knot in the bottom for the jar to rest on. Gather all the ropes together. Set the last set of knots on one end of the **1.5"** line found below. Tie a large knot with all the ropes **1.5"** inches below the last set of knots.



Carefully set your jar between the four rope sets. I find it easiest to set the jar upside down, spread the four sets of ropes apart and set them around the upside down jar with the large knot on the bottom of the jar. I then hold on to the jar and the ropes with one hand, and the "hanging" ropes with the other and carefully turn it over. Be careful with this step. The jar can slip out.

Trim the bottom ropes at whatever length you'd like!

We'd love to see what you made. Tag us on fb and instagram!



Video

- **After taking photos, I do the video portion.**
 - The photo step-by-step helps solidify the process.
- **Equipment:**
 - I have used both an older GoPro as well as my phone.
 - I have an old Samsung G7.
 - For Overhead Recording:
 - Tripod with phone holder.



Get Creative!

Before the tripod, I used a yard stick propped over two stacks of books. I taped the phone to the yard stick. :-)



Video

- **I use a combination of straight-on videos and overhead videos.**
 - Quick switch
 - Turn the screen so you can see yourself!

- **Try to record in a space that has natural light.**
 - Ring lights can definitely help.
 - Not the best lighting? Editing can help.

Video Tips

- Try to pretend you are simply chatting with the participants.
 - Limit dead air time.
 - Some things to chat about while working on the steps:
 - Ways to use the craft/where to display it.
 - Ideas to jazz up the craft, add beads, etc.
 - At a loss for words? Just over explain what you are doing. Babbling while untwisting string
- Set things down quietly. (The mic picks up everything!)

Video Tips

- **Point to things.** A lot. Consider it an action video. :-)
 - Elf Example:
- **Try to be encouraging** and explain that things can go wrong, or point out the tricky parts. People like to know it's not just them having a hard time!
 - Craft mishap on camera? Leave it in!
 - How Many Times Can I drop things?

Editing

- **Adobe Premier Rush** (Part of Adobe Creative Suite. Tech Soup offers a discount.)
- If you have a video editing software that **allows you to split the video**, you don't need to stop/start the video each time you make a mistake. Just keep rolling!
 - Big News --- YouTube lets you do this! *(How did I not know this until last week?)*
- **List your favorite video editing software/apps in the chat!**

Assembly:



String measuring!



When assembling, find a system.

- I count each piece out first so I know I have the required amount.
- I line the bags up in an order and put the pieces in row by row.





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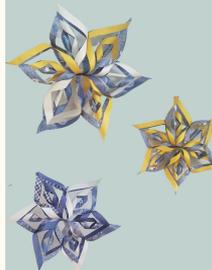
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How to Start: Where do I find ideas:

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[DIY Lace Mason Jars: Pretty Decor in Minutes](#)

[Pressing Flowers & Dried Flower Art - Try Something New Every Month](#)

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