

Penguin



Description: The Penguin stands upright on his webbed feet, and features the use of **fur yarn** for the “feathers”.

Macramé animals can be a great way to introduce your entire family to this craft.

In this Macrame project you will learn techniques that can be used to make other types of animals, such as making webbed feet.

The person who inspired me to create this creature is **Susan DeRoy**.

Finished Size: Approximately 10 inches tall

Supplies Needed:

- 4mm cord material (Black: 40 yards, and White: 20 yards)
- Black and White or Ivory **Fur Yarn (Yellow is optional)**
- One 3-inch Styrofoam Ball for the head
- Stuffing fiber
- 2 Animal Eyes, or black beads
- Project Board and Pins
- Glue

Knots Used:

- [Square Knot \(SK\)](#)
- [Double Half Hitch \(DHH\)](#)
- [Larks Head Knot](#)
- [Alternating Square Knots \(ASK\)](#)

- [Alternating Half Hitch](#)
- [Overhand Knot](#)
- [Wrapped Knot](#)
- [Vertical Half Hitch](#)

The cords for the Penguin are cut as you progress. Make sure you prepare the ends with tape, wax, or glue. See [Cord Preparation](#) for more details.

The Head

Step 1: Cut 10 black cords, each 3-yards long.

Secure the center of them to your board. Tie a tight Square Knot at the center, using 2 working cords and **8 fillers**.

Step 2: Secure the knot to the **top** of the Styrofoam ball with glue. You could also hold it in place with a pin, but add glue as well.

When the glue is dry, fan out the cords so they are evenly spaced around the top of the ball.

Now you will make a net-like design around the foam ball, so you have a place to add the feathers for the Penguin.

Mentally number the cords 1 - 20, and mark **cord 1**, so you know where to start the numbering each time. Each knot should have 2 working cords and 2 fillers.

Tighten the knots **firmly**, so the net fits snugly around the ball.

Tie the knots as follows:

Step 3: Move down 1-inch. Tie a row of Square Knots using the following groups:

- Cords 1 - 4, 5 - 8, 9 - 12, 13 - 16, and 17 - 20

Step 4: Tie the next row with these groups:

- Cords 3 - 6, 7 - 10, 11 - 14, 15 - 18
- **Combine Cords 19 - 20 + 1 - 2**

Step 5: Repeat steps 3 and 4, until the netting reaches the **bottom** of the Styrofoam ball, which is considered the **neck** of the Penguin.

Step 6: Bundle the black cords together with a rubber band or another cord, to get them out of the way. You'll use them again when you make the back half of the body.

Step 7: Choose a section of the head that you want to be the **face** of the Penguin. Secure the eyes to the foam between the black cords in the area you want the eyes to rest.

Adjust the positioning before adding glue.

Note: Some animal eyes have stems with washers. In that case, you would attach the eyes to the cords, and attach the washers behind them.

The Beak

Step 8: Cut 2 black cords, one 15 inches long, and the other 30 inches long.

Attach the 30-inch cord to the center of the 15-inch cord, with a DHH.

Fold the 15-inch cord, and secure it at the center. Use the ends of the 30-inch cord to tie several Alternating Half Hitches onto both halves of the 15-inch cord.

Stop when the Penguin's beak is **3 inches long**.

Step 9: Attach the four **ends** to cords on the head with Overhand knots, or a Square knot. It should rest slightly below and between the eyes. Trim the excess material to 1 inch and unravel the cords so they fluff.

Front of Body

Step 10: Cut 8 white cords, each 2.5 yards long (90 inches).

Attach 2 of the cords to the areas between the SK, at the **bottom** of the head. Fold them in half and attach them with Larks Head knots.

They should be lined up with the **beak** of the Penguin.

Step 11: Tie one SK with 2 working cords and 2 fillers.

Step 12: Add a new **white** cord to cords 1 - 2, by centering it under the two cords.

Use the ends of the **new cord** to tie the SK. The original cords are the fillers.

Repeat this process, adding another new white cord to cords 3 - 4.

Step 13: Mentally number the cords 1 - 8. Tie a SK with cords 3 - 6.

Step 14: Add a new **white** cord to cords 1 - 2, as well as 3 - 4 in the same manner as step 12.

Add a third cord to 5 - 6, and the fourth to cords 7 - 8.

When finished, you will have 16 cords to make the **front body** area of the Penguin. Mentally number the cords 1 - 16.

Step 15: Tie 8 rows of Alternating SK, as follows:

Tie the odd numbered rows with 3 - 6, 7 - 10, and 11 - 14.

Tie the even numbered rows of SK using cords 1 - 4, 5 - 8, 9 - 12, and 13 - 16.

Back of Body

Step 16: Turn the Penguin over, and arrange the **black** cords (from the head) into 5 groups of 4. Mentally number the cords 1 - 20.

Step 17: Pass cords 1 and 20 through spaces along the upper edges of the **white panel** (front of the Penguin).

Tie 3 rows of ASK as follows:

- Row 1: Cords 1 - 4, 5 - 8, 9 - 12, 13 - 16, 17 - 20
- Row 2: Cords 3 - 6, 7 - 10, 11 - 14, 15 - 18

Pass cords 1 and 20 through the white panel again, and then **repeat row 1**.

Step 18: Cut 4 black cords, each 2 yards long.

Add a new black cord onto cords 1 - 2, the same way you did in step 12. Add another one to cords 19 - 20.

Tie the remainder of the row with cords 3 - 6, 7 - 10, 11 - 14, 15 - 18.

You now have 24 cords to work with, so re-number them.

Step 19: Pass cords 1 and 24 through spaces in the front panel. Tie the next row with cords 3 - 6, 7 - 10, 11 - 14, 15 - 18, and 19 - 22.

Step 20: Add 2 more cords, as you did in step 18, to cords 1 - 2 and 23 - 24. Tie the remaining ASK with cords 3 - 6, 7 - 10, 11 - 14, 15 - 18, and 19 - 22.

Mentally re-number the cords 1 - 28.

Step 21: Pass cords 1 and 28 through the front panel. Tie the next row with cords 3 - 6, 7 - 10, 11 - 14, 15 - 18, and 19 - 22.

Step 22: Continue tying ASK until the back of the Penguin is the same length as the front. **Do not add any more cords.**

Be sure to link the 2 parts of the body **every other row** by passing the first and last cords through the front panel, before tying the knots.

Stop on a row where you use all the cords 1 - 28.

Step 23: For the **back panel**, tie the next row of ASK with cords 3 - 26 only. The four cords not used are for the **feet**, so move them aside.

On the **front panel**, tie the row of ASK with cords 3 - 14 only. The 4 dropped cords are also used for the feet.

Step 24: Put stuffing inside the body of the Penguin, making it as round and full as possible.

Creating the Tail

Step 25: Tie 2 rows of ASK for the tail, **creating a tube**, using all the cords from back to front (total of 36 cords). It's OK if some knots are a combination of black and white.

It's hard to number the cords in this area of the Penguin design, so **alternate** by choosing 2 cords from one SK in the previous row, and combine it with 2 from the next knot.

Step 26: **Drop 2 black cords** at each side of the tail (**total of 4**), and tie the next row of ASK as if they were not present.

Step 27: Repeat step 26, dropping **4 white cords**.

Step 28: Repeat step 26, dropping **4 black cords**.

Tie several more rows of ASK using the remaining 24 cords, still working around both back and front.

The dropped cords should be moved to the **outside** of the tail, to be used as part of the fringe.

Stop when you like the length of the tail, but make sure it's **at least 3 inches**. Tie a final knot with two cords, around all the others, which are fillers.

Apply glue to the knot and allow it to dry before moving on.

Step 29: Trim all the ends to 2 inches. Unravel and brush each cord.

Use the dropped cords and small pieces of black and white material to add along the edges of the tail, to create a short fringe.

Slide them through 2 spaces, and tie an Overhand knot with the two ends. Trim and brush.

Webbed Feet

Step 30: To make the Webbed feet for the Penguin, you will use the 8 cords you separated in step 23. There should be 4 cords on each side.

Cut 2 black cords, each 24 inches long.

Use them to make a Wrapped Knot around each set of 4 cords. The knot should be 1-inch in size.

Step 31: Cut 1 black cord, 60 inches long. This is the **working cord** for the first foot.

The four cords for the feet will hold the knots, so spread them out, and secure them to your board if you can. Mentally number them 1 - 4.

Step 32: Leave a 2-inch tail, and attach the **working cord** to cord 1, with a Vertical Half Hitch. Tighten the knot firmly.

Slide the working cord under cord 2, and then tie a Vertical Half Hitch onto it.

Continue on in this same manner, tying a Vertical HH onto the other 2 cords.

Step 33: Spread the holding cords apart slightly. Reverse the direction, tying Vertical HH onto cords 4 - 1.

Make sure you slide the working cord under each holding cord before tying the knot.

Step 34: Repeat step 33, tying the knots onto cords 1 - 4. Make sure you spread the cords further apart than the previous row.

Step 34: Repeat step 33, tying the knots onto cords 4 - 1.

Step 35: Trim the end of the **working cord** to 2 inches, and weave it through spaces in the **bottom** of the foot. Do the same with the 2-inch tail you left in step 31.

Step 36: Trim the **holding cords** to 3 inches, and weave them into the bottom of the foot design, too. Secure them with glue, if necessary.

Step 37: Repeat steps 31 thru 36 for the second foot.

The Wings

Step 38: Cut 4 black cords, each 60 inches long.

Fold 2 of them in half and secure them to your board at the center, resting side by side. Mentally number the 4 ends, and treat them as 4 cords.

Use cords 1 and 4 to tie a SK. Cords 3 and 4 are the fillers.

Pull on cords 3 and 4 to remove the slack above the knot.

Step 39: Add a new black cord to cords 1 - 2 and another to 3 - 4. Use the same method for adding as in **step 12**.

Step 40: Mentally number the cords 1 - 8. Tie a SK with cords 3 - 6.

Step 41: Tie rows of ASK until the wing for the Penguin is **5 inches long**. The next row is tied with cords 1 - 4 and 5 - 8. Stop on a row where you use all 8 cords.

Step 42: Use cords 1 - 2 and 7 - 8 to tie a very tight SK. So you **use 2 cords working together on each side**. The fillers are cords 3 - 6.

Step 43: Repeat steps 38 thru 42 to make the second wing.

Step 45: Attach both wings just below the head of the Penguin, at the sides of the body, where the black and white sections join together.

To do this, pass 2 cords for the wings through 2 spaces and tie them together with a tight Overhand knot. Repeat with the other 6 cords.

Trim the excess to 2 inches, and weave the ends through spaces in the body.

Adding Feathers

Step 46: Cut the white Yarn into 18 inch lengths.

Attach several pieces to the netting on the lower part of the head (front), under the beak of the Penguin. Use Larks Head knots to secure them. You can put some through the spaces in the "neck" area as well.

You can also use scraps of cord in the same manner. In that case, you would unravel and brush the fibers.

Step 47: You should cut the black Yarn into various lengths, depending on where you attach them. The goal is for some of them to reach the tail.

Attach them to the netting on the **head**, as well as on the upper body. Use Larks Head Knots to secure them, and be sure to add plenty so that the Styrofoam does not show.

I recommend you attach the yarn in layers, so the cords at the top of the head are shorter than those at the bottom..

Step 48: (Optional) Cut Yellow yarn into 12-inch sections and weave it through the netting on the head, near the beak. You can also add some in the neck area.

Step 49: Trim and brush the cords, and smooth out the yarn, until the Penguin looks good and is neatly finished.

Far Away Frog



Description: Far Away Frog looks like he is shouting to something in the distance. His comical appearance and unique design will make all ages chuckle with pleasure.

I had a wonderful time creating this Macrame project when I was a teenager, and felt that this pattern should be shared. This Frog has webbed feet, an open mouth, and large eyes. You can attach a ring to his feet to make him into a towel holder, or simply add a branch and a few silk flowers for a wall decoration.

The finished size is approximately 12 inches tall.

Supplies Needed:

- 6mm Green Macrame Cord, braided style (54 yards total)
- Frog Eyes or Beads
- Craft Wire
- Dowel, Ring or Branch (optional)
- Project Board and Pins
- Glue

Knots Used:

- [Larks Head Knot](#)
- [Double Half Hitch \(DHH\)](#), both Horizontal and Vertical
- [Alternating Square knots \(ASK\)](#)
- [Overhand Knot](#)
- [Square Knot](#) (right and left facing)

Cutting and Preparing Cords

You'll need to cut:

- 9 Cords, each 2 yards long
- 10 Cords, each 3 yards long
- Two 60-inch cords
- Two 36-inch cords

Prepare the ends with one of the methods described in [Cord Preparation](#).

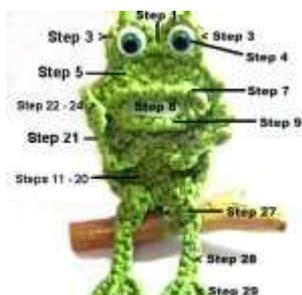
Top of Head and Eyes

Step 1: Place one 72-inch cord on your project board, secured with a pin. This will be a holding cord. **It should be curved upward slightly.**

In the images, this area is **below** the eyes of the Far Away Frog.

Step 2: Mount the 3-yard cords to the holding cord with **Reverse** Larks Head knots. Start near the center of the curved area.

Add a Half Hitch with **each end** of the cords, so the knots rest on either side of the Larks Heads.



This diagram will help you visualize the steps of the Far Away Frog design.

Click on the icon to see a larger image.

Step 3: Mentally number the cords 1 through 20, from left to right. Use cords 4 and 5 to tie a total of 10 Alternating Half Hitches (5 knots with each cord).

Form a loop with the sennit, so it rests **above** the curve of the holding cord. One eye of the Far Away Frog will fit between this chain of knots and the Larks Head knots from step 2.

Attach both cords to the **holding cord** with a Double Half Hitch, between cords 10 and 11. Push the other cords aside slightly to fit them in.

Repeat this process with cords 16 and 17.

Step 4: Attach 1 of the 36-inch cords to the holding cord with a Reverse Larks Head knot, placing it between cords 7 and 8. Pass the ends through one of the eyes/beads. Feed the ends **through spaces** in the top curve of the Alternating Half Hitch design.

It's OK if you are using the eyes with **stems**. Simply pass the stems between the 2 portions of the 30-inch cord, and apply the washers to hold the eyes in place. You may need to add a drop of glue to keep the knots snugged close to the eyes.

Repeat this process with the other eye. Bring the ends of both 36-inch cords together above the design, and tie a Barrel knot with all 4 strands. This serves as the **hanger** for the Far Away Frog.

Step 5: Mentally number the cords again, left to right. **Do not count the holding cord.** Tie rows of Alternating Square Knots, with 2 working cords and 2 fillers, in the groups below:

Row 1: Left SK with cords 7 – 10. Right SK with cords 11 - 14.

Row 2: Left SK with cords 5 - 8 and 9 - 12. Right SK with 13 - 16.

Row 3: Left SK with cords 3 - 6, 7 - 10. Right SK with 11 - 14, 15 - 18.

Row 4: Lefts SK with 1 - 4, 5 - 8, 9 - 12. Right SK with 13 - 16, 17 - 20.

Row 5: Repeat row 3.

Row 6: Repeat row 2.

The Mouth

Step 6: Measure 2 pieces of Craft wire against the head of the Far Away Frog, from edge to edge. Curve the wire as you measure, so the lips are similar to the photo at the top of the page. The mouth is supposed to stand out in a 3-D effect (not flat). **Add an extra 4 inches to each wire before cutting.**

Start with the wire for the top lip. Direct the ends into spaces along the edge of the head, so the tips are in the **back** of the Far Away Frog design. Loop the ends of the wire to secure it to the face.

Step 7: Mentally number all the cords, **including the holding cords**, 1 thru 22. Attach cords 3 through 20 to the wire with DHH. Add as many extra Half Hitches as needed to completely cover the wire.

Step 8: Weave cords 6 thru 17 through the ASK for about 2 inches, on the **back** of the design. This is the area that creates the **inside** of the mouth of the Far Away Frog.

Step 9: Direct the ends of the second wire through the same spaces as you did the first one. You can twist the 2 wires together if you wish.

Attach **all** the cords (1 - 22) to the bottom wire with DHH (including the holding cords). **Curve the wire to increase the space** as you approach the center.

The first and last 2 cords should be pulled so the upper and lower wires are **as close together** as possible. Add extra Half Hitches as needed to fill the entire lower wire with knots.

Step 10: It's best to finish off the holding cords now by directing them to the back of the design and weaving them through spaces in the face. Trim them first, to approximately 2 inches. **Save the scraps.**



The mouth for the Far Away Frog will be completed in the Finishing Touches, but this image shows what the face looks like when it's done.

The Body

Step 11: Mentally number the cords. Tie 4 rows of Alternating Square Knots, using 4 cords per knot

Row 1: Left SK with cords 1 - 4. Right SK with cords 17 - 20

Row 2: Left SK with 3 - 6, 7 - 10. Right SK with 11 - 14, 15 - 18.

Row 3: Left SK with 1 - 4, 5 - 8, 9 - 12. Right SK with 13 - 16, 17 - 20.

Row 4: Repeat row 2.

Step 12: Add a 2-yard cord to cords 1 and 2 before you begin the next row of ASK. You do this by placing the new cord under, and match the ends so it's centered. Tie a SK with the ends of the **new cord**. The original cords are the fillers (cords 1 and 2).

Add a 2-yard cord to the following cords in the same manner:

- Cords 3 - 4
- Cords 9 - 10
- Cords 11 - 12
- Cords 17 - 18

- Cord 19 - 20

Tie a SK with cords 5 - 8 and 13 - 16 to complete this row. When finished, you should have 32 cords to make the body of the Far Away Frog.

Step 13: Mentally re-number the cords and tie a row of ASK as follows:

- Left SK with 3 - 6, 7 - 10, 11 - 14, 15 - 18
- Right SK with 19 - 22, 23 - 26, 27 - 30

Step 14: Separate cords 11 - 14, and 19 - 22. Move them out of the way for now. These will be used for the front legs later on.

Step 15: Mentally re-number the cords 1 - 24, and tie 5 rows of ASK.

Rows 1 + 3 + 5: Left SK with cords 1 - 4, 5 - 8, 7 - 12.

Right SK with cords 13 - 16, 17 - 20, and 21 - 24.

Rows 2 + 4: Left SK with cords 3 - 6, 7 - 10, 11 - 14.

Right SK with cords 15 - 18, 19 - 22.

In the areas where you separated the cords, you may need to tie the knots more loosely to cross the gap.

Step 16: Separate cords 5 - 8 and 17 - 20 for the back legs of the Far Away Frog. Move these cords aside for now.

Step 17: Re-number the cords 1 thru 16. Tie the next rows of ASK as follows:

Row 1: Left SK with 3 - 6 and 7 - 10. Right SK with cords 11 - 14.

Row 2: Left SK with 1 - 4, 5 - 8. Right SK with 9 - 12, 13 - 16.

Row 3: Left SK with 3 - 6 and 7 - 10. Right SK with cords 11 - 14.

Step 18: For row 4, tie a **left SK** with cords 1 and 2, combined with 7 and 8, **bypassing** cords 3 thru 6. The dropped cords should be pushed to the back of the Far Away Frog design.

At the right edge, drop cords 11 thru 14, tying a **right SK** with 9 and 10 along with 15 and 16. This will tighten the bottom and make it more rounded.

Step 19: Re-number the remaining cords 1 thru 8. Tie the last ASK with cords 3 thru 6.

Step 20: Take 2 cords at a time, and tie tight Overhand knots so they rest along the bottom of the body. Trim the ends to 2 to 3 inches, and weave them through spaces in the **back** of the Far Away Frog so they can't be seen. Apply glue to hold them in place.

Legs and Feet

Step 21: Locate the first group of 4 cords you separated in step 14. Tie a Square Knot sennit in each group. You can tie up to 8 knots, depending on how long you want the front legs to be.

Step 22: Use one of the 60-inch cords and secure it to your board, next to the **left side** of one front leg. There should be a **3-inch tail** at the end.

Use the cord to make a **Vertical** Half Hitch onto each of the 4 cords from the leg, which are the holding cords. Move **left to right** as you tie the knots.

Tip: Always start the Half Hitch by passing the working cord **under** the holding cords first.

Step 23: Make the second row of Vertical DDH heading **right to left**.



Step 24: Make 2 more rows of knots in the same manner. Move the cords from the leg so they have **more space between them** as you progress. This creates the webbed feet of the Far Away Frog.

Step 25: Direct both ends of the working cord to the **back** of the foot. Trim them to 2 or 3 inches. Weave the end through any spaces you can fit them through. Apply glue to secure them to the foot.

Tie tight Overhand or Barrel Knots in each of the **holding cords**, which came from the legs. Apply glue, and cut off the remainder when it is dry.

Step 26: Repeat steps 22 through 25 for the second front foot.

Step 27: Find the cords you separated in step 16. Tie a sennit of Alternating Half Hitches in one group, measuring 2.5 inches long, to create the thigh. The working cords are 1 and 4.

Step 28: Tie a sennit of Square knots with the same working cords, measuring 2 inches.

Step 29: Repeat step 22 thru 25 for the foot. Use a 72-inch working cord, and make a total of 6 rows of Vertical DHH knots.

Step 30: Repeat steps 27 thru 29 for the second back leg.

Finishing Touches

Step 31: You can secure the Far Away Frog to a branch using scrap cord or wire. Try attaching a dowel or ring to his back feet and using him to hang towels.

Step 32: Use scrap cord to attach his front feet to either side of the mouth, so he looks like he is shouting (optional).

Step 33: Clip 4 or 5 of the vertical cords in the frog's mouth, and direct the ends towards the back. You will need to glue these ends very well to hold them in place.

Ganesha Decoration



Description: The Ganesha Decoration is the head of an elephant wearing a crown. It is a popular symbol in the Hindu religion, and represents art, science, intellect and wisdom.

This is a flat design and is meant to hang on a wall. The crown can be decorated with beads and buttons, or with chains of small beads.

The finished size is approximately 14 inches tall.

This Macrame pattern is rated Moderate, and is suitable for those who know how to tie the knots used in the design.

Supplies Needed:

- 6mm cord material (**Crown: 20 yards, Face: 50 yards**)
- Project Board and Pins
- Glue that dries clear
- Craft Wire
- Decorations for crown
- Animal Eyes
- 1 shank-style Button

Knots Used

- [Larks Head knot](#)
- [Alternating Square Knots](#)
- [Wrapped Knot](#)
- [Basket Stitch](#)

Cutting Instructions:

- **Crown:** Cut 10 cords, each 60 inches long. Cut 1 cord, 12 inches long.
- **Face:** Cut 12 cords, each 60 inches long. Cut 1 cord, 36 inches long.
- **Tusks:** Cut 2 cords, each 18 inches long (either color).
- **Trunk:** Cut 1 cord, at least 90 inches long.
- **Ears:** Cut 22 cords, each 24 inches long.

Prepare the ends with tape, glue or wax to prevent them from unraveling as you work.

The Crown

Step 1: Secure the 12-inch cord for the **crown** of the Ganesha decoration to your board, **horizontally**.

Attach 6 of the 60-inch cords for the **crown** to it, with Larks Head Knots.

Step 2: Tie 3 rows of Alternating Square Knots (ASK).



Here's a diagram of the steps you will follow as you make the crown for your Ganesha decoration.

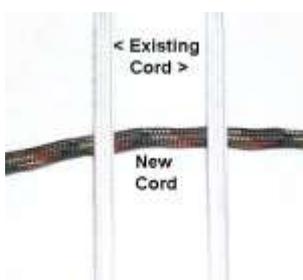
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Step 3: Mentally number the cords 1 thru 12.

Add a new 60-inch cord (for the crown) to cords 1 and 2, and another one onto cords 11 and 12.

Complete the row by tying the ASK with the rest of the cords.

This is how to add cords using a Square Knot:

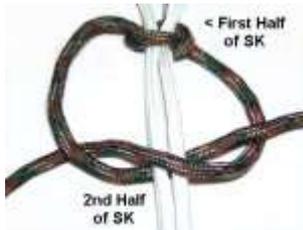


Slide the **new** cord under cords 1 and 2. Match the ends and center it.

(The new cord is brown)



Use the **new cord** to tie the **first half** of the Square Knot, onto cords 1 and 2, which are the fillers.



Tie the second half of the Square knot.



Tighten the SK so there is no slack at all above or behind the knot.

Now you have four ends to work with.

Step 4: Tie 2 rows of ASK.

Step 5: Add new 60-inch cords to cords 1 - 2 and 15 - 16, as you did in step 3.

Step 6: Tie 2 or more rows of ASK, depending on how tall you want the crown to end up.

Make sure you stop on a row where you use all the cords (1 - 20).

Step 7: The last 4 rows need to form the point at the bottom of the crown:

- **Row 1:** Tie the ASK with cords 3 - 6, 7 - 10, 11 - 14, 15 - 18.
- **Row 2:** Tie the ASK using cords 5 - 8, 9 - 12, 13 - 16.
- **Row 3:** Tie the ASK with cords 7 - 10, 11 - 14.

Step 8: Add a Button (or a large bead) to cord 10. If the hole is large enough, pass cord 11 through it as well.

Tie the final Square Knot just below, using cords 9 - 12.

Step 9: Mentally number the cords 1 - 20. Direct cord 1 diagonally along the **left edge** of the V shape you just made. Secure it so it's taut. Attach cords 2 thru 10 to it with Double Half Hitches.

Step 10: Do the same with cord 20, directing it along the **right edge** of the V shape. Attach cords 19 thru 11 to it with DHH (in that order).

To complete the lower edge of the crown for your Ganesha Decoration, attach one holding cord to the other with a DHH.

The Face



Step 11: Flip the crown over so you are working in the **back** of it. Move cords 2 and 19 **towards each other** so they are **horizontal**, across the back of the crown.

Twist them together if you wish.



Secure both cords so they are taut, since they are holding cords.

Attach 8 of the 60-inch cords for the **face** to them with Larks Head Knots.



Step 12: Flip the Ganesha Decoration so you are working on the **front** again. Move the cords for the crown out of your way, so you are using **only the cords for the face**.

Tie 3 rows of Alternating Square Knots.



Step 13: Mentally number the cords 1 thru 16. Add a new 60-inch cords to **face** cords 1 and 2 as well as 15 and 16, as in step 3.

Use the remaining cords to complete the 4th row.

Step 14: Tie 2 rows of ASK.

Step 15: Add more **60-inch cords** to **face** cords 1 and 2 as well as 19 and 20, as in step 3.

Step 16: Tie 3 rows of ASK.



Step 17: Mentally number the cords 1 thru 24.

Tie the ASK using cords 1 - 4, and 5 - 8 on the left.

For the right, use cords 17 - 20 and 21 - 24.

The remaining cords (9 thru 16) need to be pushed to the back of the face for now. They will be used for the trunk of the Ganesha Decoration, which you will make later.

Step 18: Tie one row of ASK with the remaining cords. There's a large gap in the middle now, but the knots need to be tied the same way, **across the gap**.

Design Tip: These 3 knots are made with: (3 - 6), (**7 + 8 + 17 + 18**), as well as (19 - 22).

When you pull the cords to make the knot in the center, the face for your Ganesha Decoration will pop out slightly.

Step 19: Tie the final row of ASK using cords 5 - 8 and 17 - 20.

Step 20: At the bottom of the face, locate cords 1 - 4 and 21 - 24. Separate them from the others, since they will be used to make the tusks.

Move the remaining cords to the **back** of the face.

Trim the ends to 2-inches and apply glue to hold them to the back of the design. You can use tweezers to work them into the back of the knots if you wish.

Tusks

Step 21: Use the 18-inch cords to make Wrapped Knots around cords 1 - 4 as well as 21 - 24.

The **right** tusk for the Ganesha Decoration should measure approximately 2 inches long.

The **left** one should be smaller, around 1-inch in size.

Apply glue to the Wrapped knots and allow it to dry. Cut off the excess material.

Mouth

Step 22: Pass the 36-inch cord through a space in the very bottom of the face, on the left. Center it so the ends are even.

Tie a sennit of Alternating Half Hitches measuring 3-inches long.

On the right, pass the ends through the face from **front to back**.

Flip the Ganesha Decoration over and tie a tight Square Knot to hold the sennit in place. Trim the ends and apply glue to the knot.

Trunk

Step 23: Use cords 9 thru 16 to make the trunk. You pushed them aside back in step 19.

These cords act as **holding cords** for the Basket Stitch design.

Center the 90-inch cord under the holding cords. Make sure the ends are even.



Use the ends to tie Alternating Half Hitches onto the holding cords.

Keep everything flat, so the trunk is as wide as possible.

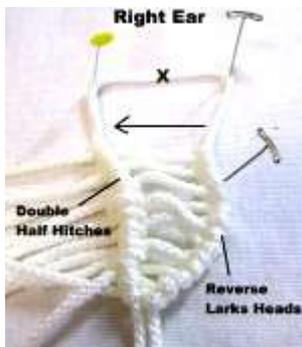
Stop when you have around 4 inches of material left.

Use a 12-inch piece of scrap cord to tie a Wrapped knot around **ALL** the cords for the trunk of the Ganesha Decoration, including the long one used to tie the knots.

Make it as tight as you can, and approximately 2 inches long. Apply glue to the entire knot and allow it to dry. Cut off the excess.

Ears

Step 24: Now it's time to make the large ears for your Ganesha Decoration.



Arrange one of the 24-inch cords into the shape of a long triangle, measuring 4 inches tall.

The widest part needs to be at the top.

That's the area marked with an X in the image.

Curve it so it resembles an elephant's ear, which is wide at the top and narrow near the bottom.

Mount 8 of the 24-inch cords to the **right side** of the triangle. Attach each cord using **reverse** Larks Head Knots.

Step 25: Move the cords across to the left side of the triangle, and attach them with Double Half Hitches. They should rest **horizontally**.

Step 26: Select four strands closest to the **bottom** of the ear, near the point.

Weave each one through the horizontal cords, moving towards the **top** of the ear.

Attach them to the **widest part** of the triangle with DHH (marked with an X in the image above).

Make sure you alternate the over-under weaving process with the 2nd and 4th cords.

Step 27: Apply glue to the **back** of the knots all the way around the ear. Let it dry completely. Cut off most of the excess material, but leave at least **2** cords to connect the ear to the head of the Ganesha Decoration.

The best way to attach it is to pass one cord through a space in the **face**, followed by one in the **ear**. Repeat one more time. You can tie a knot to hold the cord in place (in the back). Do the same with the other cord.

Step 28: To make the left ear, repeat steps 24 thru 27. Make sure you mount the cords to the **left part of the triangle** when you first get started.

Finishing Touches

Step 29: Go back to the lower part of the **crown** and push all the ends through spaces in the face, to the **back**. Flip the Ganesha Decoration over.

Trim the cords so they are 2 inches long. Apply glue to hold the ends in place,

and allow it to dry.



Step 30: To decorate the crown, cut pieces of craft wire 12 to 18 inches long. Slide beads over the wire, arranged in circles, chains, or individually. Attach the ends of the wire to the back of the knots in the crown.

Locate the **holding cord** at the top of the crown and tie both ends together with a tight Square Knot. Tie a Barrel knot close to the tips. This will form a loop so you can hang your Ganesha Decoration to a wall.

FiFi the Poodle



Description: FiFi the Poodle is an easy Macrame pattern because it uses only the basic knots. For that reason, it's a good project to introduce older children to Macrame.

Be sure you practice the three decorative knots before making this cute animal design.

FiFi has a long brushed fringe, which resembles fur. Beads are placed to mimic a collar, and bows can be added for decoration.

The finished size is approximately 20 inches tall.

The design shown above was made in 2010 by Patty Berberich.

Supplies Needed:

- 6mm cord material (40 yards)
- One 8-inch metal ring
- Two 20mm round beads for the eyes
- One 16mm bead for the nose
- 5 beads for the collar – any size
- Small amount of pink felt (tongue)
- Bows or other small decorations

Knots Used:

- [Larks Head Knot](#)
- [Alternating Square Knots \(ASK\)](#)

- **Double Half Hitch (DHH)**

Step 1: Cut 6 cords, each 3 yards long. Cut 10 cords, each 1 yard in length.

The ends will be unraveled, so when you prepare the cords, use **tape** at the tips, since it's easy to cut off.

Step 2: Attach 6 of the 3-yard cords to the **top** of the ring, with Larks Head knots. You will end up with 12 cords to work with.

Step 3: Tie 5 rows of Alternating Square Knots, using 4 cords per knot.

Step 4: Mentally number the cords 1 thru 12. Slide 1 of the beads for the eyes of FiFi the Poodle, onto cords 3 – 4, as well as 9 – 10.

Leave a **1/2-inch space** between the top of the beads and the last row of knots you tied in the previous step.

Step 5: Just below the beads, tie a SK using cords 3 – 6 under the left eye, and 7 – 10 under the right one.

Step 6: Pass cord 6 through the bead for the nose, heading into the hole **from left to right**. Pass cord 7 through the hole, from **right to left**.

Pull on both ends so the bead rests as close to the eyes as possible.

Step 7: Tie 3 rows of ASK, as follows:

Row 1: Use cords 1 - 4, 5 – 8, and 9 – 12.

Row 2: Use cords 3 – 6, and 7 – 10.

Row 3: Use cords 5 – 8.

Step 8: Slide the beads for the collar onto cords 2 - 3, 4 - 5, 6 - 7, 8 - 9, and 10 - 11.

Step 9: Attach all the cords to the **bottom** of the ring, with Double Half Hitches. Make sure you pull each one taut as you attach them.

Step 10: Cut several 8-inch pieces of material to be used for the fur around

the **nose** of FiFi the Poodle.

Arrange 3 cords through the spaces between the ASK on the **left side of the nose** bead. You need to pass them through from the **back** of the design, to the front.

Another option is to attach them with Larks Head knots, but it isn't absolutely necessary to do so.

Do the same on the **right side of the nose**. Unravel the cords and brush slightly, forming the whiskers.

Step 11: Repeat step 10, placing several cords in the spaces **above the eyes**. Trim and shape the cords to form the "eyelashes".

Step 12: Cut additional 8-inch pieces and attach them between the knots in the **forehead area**. Secure these strands with Larks Head knots.

You can add as many as you wish, trimming and arranging them to look like an authentic "poodle cut". You want FiFi the Poodle to look neat and tidy, so spend some time with this grooming process.

Step 13: Now it's time to make the ears. Attach 4 of the 1-yard cords to the **top right side of the ring**, with Larks Head knots. This gives you 8 ends to work with.

Do the same on the **top left side**, attaching 4 more 1-yard cords.

Step 14: Using four cords per knot, tie Square Knots with **each set** of cords you just added (both left and right).

Step 15: There should be two 1-yard cords remaining. Attach one to the **right** of the Double Half Hitches at the **bottom** of the ring.

Use a DHH to attach the cord, so that there is 12 inches below the ring, and the rest above it.

Use the **upper** segment to wrap the exposed area of the ring, from the bottom towards the top.

When you are finished wrapping, tie a Half Hitch to secure the cord.

The extra material will become part of the **right ear**. The portion at the bottom will become part of the fur.

Step 16: Repeat step 15, wrapping the left side of the ring in the same manner.

Step 17: Unravel and brush all the ends in the **body** area of FiFi the Poodle. Do the same with both ears. Use a ribbon or piece of yarn to gather the cords for the ears, wrapping it around the ring to hold the ears in place.

FiFi the Poodle looks best if she is fluffy, so if any area seems too bare, simply cut more pieces of material and add them wherever they are needed.

Snow Owl



Description: This attractive Snow Owl will add an appealing touch to your seasonal or holiday decorations. This Macrame Project is rated medium but it can be made by beginners who know the knots used in the design.

To modify this Macrame pattern, try using 2 different brown colors, or gray and brown to make this wall decoration.

The finished size of this Macrame Owl is **15 inches**.

You can click on the small images below to see a larger view.

Supplies Needed:

- 6mm Braided White Cord (**150 yards total**)
- 4mm Natural Jute for the claws -- **optional (6 yards)**
- One 15-inch diameter Ring
- Two 2-inch Plastic Rings
- Eyes: Two 16mm - 20mm Black beads (**8mm - 10mm holes**)
- Beak: One 22mm x 32mm brown or black bead (**8mm -10mm hole**)
- Decorations such as a branch, flowers, leaves, etc.

Knots Used:

- [Larks Head Knot](#)
- [Alternating Square Knots](#)
- [Overhand Knot](#)
- [Double Half Hitch \(DHH\)](#)
- [Wrapped Knot](#)

- [Barrel Knot](#)

The Body

Step 1: Cut 18 cords each 3 yards long. Prepare the ends with tape to prevent unraveling.

Cut 17 cords, each 8 inches long, for the head feathers (no preparation)

Mount the 3-yard cords to the top of the large ring, using Larks Head Knots. Since you fold them in half, you will have 36 cords to make the body of the Snow Owl.

Mount the 8-inch cords for the head feathers, **between** each of the 3-yard cords. Flip them out of the way while you complete the next few steps.

Step 2: Mentally number the cords for the body 1 - 36.

Using only the 3-yard cords, tie 5 rows of Alternating Square Knots, in the groups shown below. Each knot should be tied using 2 working cords and 2 fillers.

Rows 1, 3, 5: Use 1 - 4, 5 - 8, 9 - 12, 13 - 16, 17 - 20, 21 - 24,
25 - 28, 29 - 32, and 33 - 36

Rows 2, 4: Use 3 - 6, 7 - 10, 11 - 14, 15 - 18, 19 - 22, 23 - 26
27 - 30, and 31 - 34

The **first row** should rest against the Larks Head knots from the previous step, and will follow the curve of the ring. Tighten all the knots firmly, so the rows in the body of the Snow Owl are close together.

Row 6: Slide one of the beads for the **eyes** onto cords 12 - 13. Slide another one onto cords 24 - 25.

Tie the next row of ASK using cords 3 - 6, 7 - 10, 11 - 14, 15 - 18,
19 - 22, 23 - 26, 27 - 30, and 31 - 34

When you reach the beads, make sure the knots are resting against the bottom of them.

Row 7: Slide the 22mm bead for the beak onto cords 18 - 19.

Tie the next row of ASK with cords 1 - 4, 5 - 8, 9 - 12, 13 - 16, 21 - 24, 25 - 28, 29 - 32, and 33 - 36. **Do not use cords 17 - 20.**

Step 3: Continue the Alternating Square Knots (**rows 8 - 20**).

Even Numbered Rows: Use 1 - 4, 5 - 8, 9 - 12, 13 - 16, 17 - 20, 21 - 24, 25 - 28, 29 - 32, and 33 - 36

Odd Numbered Rows: Use 3 - 6, 7 - 10, 11 - 14, 15 - 18, 19 - 22, 23 - 26, 27 - 30, and 31 - 34

Row 21: Attach **cords 1, 2, 35, 36** to the bottom left and right areas of the ring, with Double Half Hitches.

Be sure to **stretch** the Snow Owl body taut as you attach the cords to the ring.

Complete the row of ASK with the remaining cords. Since it's an **odd numbered** row, use cords 3 - 34 (see step 3).

Row 22: Attach cords 3, 4, 33 and 34 to the ring with DHH. Use cords 5 - 32 to complete the row. (see step 3 - even)

Row 23: Attach cords 5, 6, 31, and 32 to the ring with DHH. Use cords 7 - 30 to complete the row. (see step 3 - odd)

Row 24: Attach cords 7, 8, 29, and 30 to the ring with DHH. Use cords 9 - 28 to complete the row. (see step 3 - even)

Step 4: Attach all of the remaining cords to the ring with DHH.



Step 5: Finish off the cords by trimming them to 2 inches. Weave them into the lower **back** area of the ring, sliding them under the back of the knots to hold them in place. Apply glue if needed.

The Claws (optional)

Step 6: Cut 12 cords of Jute Material, each 18 inches long.

For the right foot of the Snow Owl, thread 3 of the cords through two of the openings in **row 22**. The ends should come out from the back to the front. Mentally number each cord (both halves) 1 - 3.

Use one piece of Jute cord to tie a Wrapped Knot around **both halves** of the first cord. It should be **1-inch** long.

Do the same with the 2nd cord, but make the knot **1.5-inch long**. Wrap the 3rd cord, making it **1-inch** in size.

After all 3 claws are done, push the Wrapped Knots as close to the body as possible.

Pull firmly on the cords that were wrapped (inside the knot). Tie tight Barrel Knots with those cords. This will hold the Wrapped Knots in place.

Step 7: Repeat step 6 to create a new set of claws on the other side of the Snow Owl body design.

The Wings

Step 8: Cut 20 cords, each 72 inches long. Prepare the ends with tape to prevent unraveling while you work.

Mount the cords to the **right area** of the ring, with Larks Head Knots. These cords should fit in the gap on the ring, between the upper and lower body.

The "heads" of the knots should be face up, same as the knots for the body of the Snow Owl.

Step 9: Mentally number the wing cords 1 - 40. Tie 2 rows of Alternating Square Knots. For row 1, use cords 1 - 40. For row 2, use cords 3 - 38.

Step 10: For Rows 3 - 9, drop the first and last 2 cords, and then tie the row with the remaining cords, as follows:

Row 3: Drop cords 3, 4, 37, 38. Tie the ASK with 5 - 36.

Row 4: Drop cords 5, 6, 35, 36. Tie the ASK with 7 - 34.

Row 5: Drop cords 7, 8, 33, 34. Tie the ASK with 9 - 32.

Row 6: Drop cords 9, 10, 31, 32. Tie the ASK with 11 - 30.

Row 7: Drop cords 11, 12, 29, 30. Tie the ASK with 13 - 28.

Row 8: Drop cords 13, 14, 27, 28. Tie the ASK with 15 - 26.

Row 9: Drop cords 15, 16, 25, 26. Tie the ASK with 17 - 24.

Step 11: Organize the dropped cords along the edges of the wing.

Locate **cord 1**, and place it over the cords, to be used as a holding cord.

Attach **cords 2 - 20** to it with DHH, following the angle of the Square Knots.

Locate **cord 40**, and place it over the remaining cords. Attach **cords 39 - 21** to it with DHH, **in that order**.

Step 12: Pass the two holding cords (1 and 40) through openings in the 3rd row from the edge of the ring (in the body). The wings of the Snow Owl should bulge outward slightly.

In the **back** of the Snow Owl, tie 2 Overhand knots with the 2 cords to secure the wing. Apply glue and cut off any remainder.

Step 13: Trim **cords 2 - 11** to 2 inches, and work them into the back of the wing, weaving through the back of the knots to hold them in place.

Do the same with **cords 30 - 39**.

Trim the remaining ends, so they rest close to the bottom of the large ring. Unravel each cord, but do not brush. The Snow Owl looks best with a wavy fringe.

Step 14: Repeat steps 8 thru 13 to make the left wing.

Eye Feathers

Step 15: Cut 28 cords, each 8 inches long.

Mount 14 of the cords to one of the small rings, using Larks Head Knots.

Repeat for the second ring. Unravel the cords completely.

Step 22: Place the rings centered over each eye of the Snow Owl. Attach them to the body with pieces of scrap cord, at the top and bottom.

Secure them with Overhand knots in the **back** of the design. Apply glue to the knots, and trim off any remaining material.

Trim the eye feathers to the length you want, making sure they are shorter in the area between the eyes, so they don't overlap. Unravel each cord completely.

Finishing Touches



Step 23: Unravel the 17 **head feathers** at the top of the Snow Owl. Arrange them so they hang down towards the eyes, and trim them until you like the length.

Attach a branch, or other decoration at the bottom, just below the claws (optional).