

# Badge Holder



**Description:** The Badge Holder is a custom Macrame design featuring Larks Head knots. There is a buttonhole loop in the front, where you attach a badge clip, which is the metal portion shown in the image above. The lanyard fits over the head, so needs to be at least 26 inches in size.

It's important to use beads if the cord material you plan to use is flexible, like the Cotton crochet cord shown here. For material that's somewhat stiff, or is waxed, the beads are optional.

The finished length described below is the measurement all the way around the lanyard. This does not include the buttonhole in the front. You create the beaded design in two parts, each half the total length. In the finishing steps, you link the two halves.

Since this Macrame project features basic knots, it's rated Easy and suitable for beginners.

## Supplies Needed:

- 2mm cord material (see total amounts below)
- Badge Clip with strap (the type with a snap closure)
- Tape Measure
- 8mm beads with 4mm holes (30 or more)
- Project Board, pins, and tape
- Fabric Glue
- Wire for threading beads

## Knots Used:

- [Vertical Larks Head knots](#)
- [Square Knot](#)
- [Overhand Knot](#)
- [Buttonhole Clasp](#)

## Preparation

To determine the appropriate size for your Badge Holder, put a cord around your neck and bring the ends together, where you want the clip to rest. Measure the cord to get the finished length.

Choose the size you want to make from the table, and cut the cords to the proper length. Prepare the ends of the two holding cords with **glue**. Tie Overhand knots at the tips of the two working cords.

To eliminate fuzz, rub beeswax on the cords.

Finished Length	Working Cords	Holding Cords
26 - 28 inches	Cut 2 cords, 4.5 yards long	Cut 2 cords, 2.5 yards long
29 - 31 inches	Cut 2 cords, 5 yards long	Cut 2 cords, 3 yards long
32 - 34 inches	Cut 2 cords, 5.5 yards long	Cut 2 cords, 3 yards long
35 - 37 inches	Cut 2 cords, 6 yards long	Cut 2 cords, 3 yards long

## Front of Badge Holder (Loop)

Secure the two **working cords** on your board vertically, matching the centers. Apply a piece of tape to mark the center, which is where the first Larks Head knot will rest.



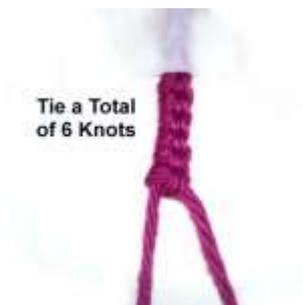
Use the cord on the **right** to tie all the Larks Head knots, onto the cord on the left. The two loops should be tied rotating **clockwise**.

**Step 1:** Pass the right cord **over - under** the left cord. As you pull the end right, it should pass **over** the right cord. Tighten firmly.



**Step 2:** Tie a second **clockwise** loop, passing **under** and then **over** the left cord. As you pull the end right, bring it **under** the right cord. Tighten firmly.

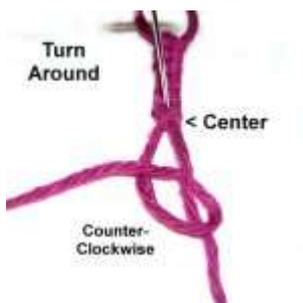
**Both parts = 1 Larks Head Knot**



**Step 3:** Check to verify that the short strap on the clip is the same width as 4 knots.

Repeat steps 1 and 2, tying a total of 6 knots for the first half.

For wider straps, add more knots. There needs to be 2 more knots beyond the width of the strap.



**Step 4:** Remove the tape and turn the knots around. Secure the first knot at the center.

Tie 6 Larks Head knots, rotating counter-clockwise. If you added extra knots in the first half, do so here as well.



**Step 5:** Place the clip near the center of the buttonhole design. Fold it and snap it together. Adjust the knotted design as needed.

Bring all 4 ends together at the bottom, forming the loop at the front of the Badge Holder.

**Step 6:** Mentally number the cords from left to right, 1 - 4. Tie a Square Knot using cords 1 and 4 (shown below). The fillers are cords 2 and 3.



<< Move **cord 1** to the right, **over** cords 2 and 3, and **under** cord 4.



Move **cord 4** **under** 2 and 3. As you pull it left, bring it **over** the curved part of cord 1. >>



**The two working cords have switched places.**

<< Move **cord 1** to the left, **over** cords 2 and 3, and **under** cord 4.



Move **cord 4** **under** 2 and 3, and **over** cord 1, on the right. >>



## Badge Holder Lanyard

The lanyard is the portion that goes around your neck, and features Larks Head knots that face opposite directions. Beads are applied to the two holding cords, which are added in the next few steps:



**Step 7:** Place one holding cord (new cord) under cords 2 and 3. Move cords 1 and 4 out of the way.

Balance the new cord by matching the ends, and secure it at the center.



Use the two halves of the new cord to tie a Square knot onto cords 2 and 3.

Follow the 4 step process shown in step 6.

Slide the SK up, so it rests just below the one tied in step 6.

**Step 8:** Repeat step 7 with the second holding cord. You will now have 8 cords to make the lanyard portion of the Badge Holder.

**Step 9:** Mentally number the cords 1 - 8. Turn the design horizontally, so the clip is on the right. Move cords 1 - 4 to the top, out of your way. You will be using cords 5 - 8 for the first half.

Check to make sure the two holding cords (6 and 7) are the ones you added in steps 7 and 8. They are shorter than the other two, which are the working cords. You can re-arrange the cords if necessary.



Slide a bead onto cords 6 and 7.

Use a wire cord threader if necessary (see below).

Make sure you slide one cord through at a time.

Fold a wire in half, and slide it through the bead hole. You may need to expand the wire slightly.

Slide the end of one cord through the folded area of the wire. Pull on the ends of the wire, to bring it, and the cord, through the hole.



**Step 10:** Tie 1 vertical Larks Head knot with cord 8, onto cords 6 and 7. The two steps are shown below:



<< Move **cord 8 over - under** cords 6 and 7 (clockwise). As you pull it right, bring it **over** cord 8.

Move cord 8 **under - over** cords 6 and 7, and **under** cord 8 as you pull it right. >>



All the Larks Head knots in the Badge Holder are to be made following these two steps. When using the working cord on the **left**, **rotate counter-clockwise** to make the two loops.



**Step 11:** Tie the next Larks Head knot with cord 5, onto cords 6 and 7. Rotate counter-clockwise.

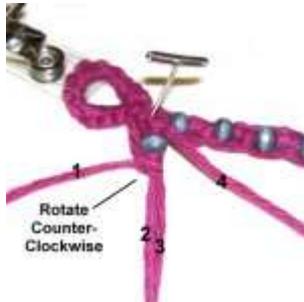
Add the next bead to cords 6 and 7.

**Step 12:** Repeat steps 10 and 11 several more times, until the first half of the Badge Holder is half the size you are aiming for, minus 3 inches.

So for a 30-inch design, the first half should be 12 inches (15 in. - 3 in.).

After each bead is added, the first knot is tied with cord 8, followed by cord 5. **Make very sure you alternate in this manner each time.**

**Step 13:** Tie 2.5 inches of Larks Head knots, but do not add any beads.



**Step 14:** Turn the Badge Holder around, so the clip is on the left. Use cords 1 - 4 to make the second half.

The beads are placed on cords 2 and 3. The first working cord you use is cord 1, followed by cord 4.

Rotate **counter-clockwise** to make the two loops.

**Step 15:** Repeat steps 12 and 13.

Stop the beaded area at the same place as the first half. Don't just count the beads, be sure to **measure** each half in some way.

Placing the two halves side by side is the best way to be sure you stop in the right place, but you can use a tape measure if you wish.



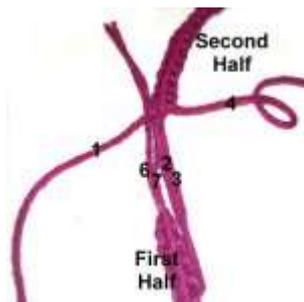
## Finishing Touches



**Step 16:** Locate the two working cords for the first half of the Badge Holder ( cords 5 and 8). Tie them together with an Overhand knot.

**Apply glue before tightening.**

Make sure the knot rests in the **back**, and is as tight as possible.



**Step 17:** Organize the remaining cords, by forming a circle with the two halves. The first half, which now has only two cords, should be at the **bottom**.

Cords 2, 3, 6, 7 were the holding cords, and should rest next to each other, heading in opposite directions.



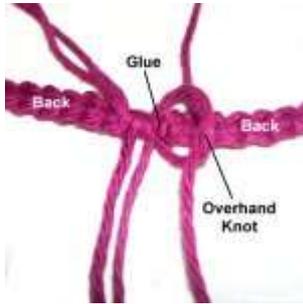
**Step 18:** To connect the two halves, use cord 4 to tie a Larks Head knot onto all 4 holding cords. Tighten firmly. Use cord 1 to tie the next knot.

Alternate back and forth between the two cords, tying several more knots for 1/2-inch.

**Step 19:** Pull the holding cords, to remove the slack between the two ends of the lanyard. The knots should be close together when you are through. Make

sure nothing is twisted.

Organize the cords so that three are on one side of the strap, and three on the opposite side, as shown below.



**Step 20:** Turn the Badge Holder over, so you are working in the back. Use one cord from each side to tie an Overhand knot. Apply glue before tightening firmly.

Repeat with the other two sets of cords. Cut off the extra material when the glue is dry.