

WHICH THREAD OR ROPE TO CHOOSE FOR MAKING DECORATIVE MACRAMÉ?

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Before starting, you must have asked yourself the question: which string to use for macrame? Several criteria must be taken into account, such as the material of your macrame cord, its size or even its length. AT Which thread for macrame? The material of your macrame threads itself does not have a great influence on the technique because unlike micro-macrame jewelry, it is very rare to melt the thread to stop it. We will usually finish a macrame decoration with a knot and we will hide the end of the thread behind the creation. But on the other hand it can affect the final rendering. Some materials will be shinier or softer than others. Most of the strings used for macrame are cotton, sometimes recycled cotton. The yarn is then mat. Synthetic materials will most of the time give a glossy finish. There are also imitation cotton synthetics. You can also use current wool instead of yarn, as long as the yarn is thick and dense enough to see the knots. AT AT AT 1. Cotton rope 3 mm Kesi art. 2. Rayon Air 4 mm cord for macrame . 3. 6 mm polypropylene rope . 4. Polyester imitation cotton cord made from recycled 5mm bottles. AT Twisted ropes, braided ropes or combed ropes The strings are not all composed in the same way, they are twisted in a more or less complex way. We find :Twisted ropes (or cables): as their name suggests, these are ropes made up of several strands twisted together. These are the most common cords used to make macrame. Braided cords: These are several strands that have been knitted together and form stitches around a rigid central cord such as for example the Nova Vita yarn from DMC . The latter will not allow you to make fringes because when you undo it, it is only a single thread that surrounds a cord. It will have to be finished with a knot as on the following macrame cushion tutorial. Combed ropes: this is single strand, the threads of which have been twisted together. This is a strong and flexible yarn, perfect for making macrame fringes. This is the case with Cotton Supreme 3XL which allows you to make pretty fringes and which is often used to make macrame feathers . AT AT What size cord for macrame? Here we are not talking about the length of your threads (which is determined by the size of your project), but it is about the diameter of your macrame rope . The most common for a suspension, a wall decoration like a mirror, or a macrame bag is to use 3 mm rope which will allow you to have pretty knots and to finish its creation in a reasonable time. This is the size that is used the most in our tutorials. But if you want to give more details, and make more knots, use 2 mm. A wire of 1.5 mm in diameter appropriate for a key holder © or a purse. Conversely, if what interests you is to make a creation quickly and the knots don't need to be very complex, then use 4mm. The 5 mm size will be suitable for XXL projects or for other creations than macrame such as a rope trivet with eyelet knot or a rope basket. Just know that the larger the diameter of your macrame yarn, the fewer knots you will have to tie. And vice versa: the smaller the diameter of your cord, the more knots you will have to tie. AT ATThe length of the macrame threads To know the length of wires you need, you need to determine the dimension of the type of project you want to achieve . Do you want to make: a macrame hanging lamp ? A suspension for plants ? A trivet ? A trendy mesh bag ? Do you need to use a single cord or multiple wires? Will your creation have different types of macrame knots? Do you tend to tighten your knots or on the contrary to loosen them? Do you want to make a macrame decoration with fringes or without fringes ? Once you have answered these questions, it will then be easier for you to choose the thread that corresponds to your project. You will also be able to base yourselves on the material used to carry out our tutorials in macrame. AT AT AT We were going to forget another important criterion, and not the least: the color of your macrame threads . Natural color, flashy color or pastel color ... The choice may be difficult. Have fun ! AT

