

KNOT KEY RING

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1 WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

Sam Jacobs makes sculptures using knitting and knotting techniques. She is interested in how traditional crafts can be used to explore shape, texture and structure.

Her work is inspired by natural forms and often looks at ideas of growth, shelter and balance.



2 GET CREATING!

Knotting is a mindful and creative way to make strong and beautiful things. You can use simple knots and cords to design your own unique key ring.

Try different colours and patterns to make something that reflects your style!



3 WHAT YOU NEED:

- ★ 2 lengths of cord (different colours work well)
- ★ Scissors
- ★ Tape (to secure your work)
- ★ A key ring
- ★ A flat surface
- ★ A little patience and creativity!



4 STEP BY STEP:

1 Fold your two cords in half and thread the loop through the key ring.



2 Pull the loose ends through the loop and pull tight to secure.



3 Separate the two cords so you have one on each side.



4 Cross the right cord over the left.



5 Cross the left cord over the new right.



6 Pull both cords tight and repeat steps 4-6 until your key ring is as long as you like.



7 When you're happy with the length, tie a knot at the end or melt the ends carefully (with adult help) to stop fraying.



5 PHOTO OF THE END RESULT



6 WANT MORE?

Try using different cords, colours or thicknesses.

Can you make stripes, spirals or zigzags with your knots?

Make a key ring for a friend or a bag tag, bookmark or zip pull!

Keep experimenting and see what you can create!

