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HOW TO MAKE A MACRAME HANDBAG



Materials needed:

- 300 feet of 4mm Aster & Vine Recycled Cotton Rope
- 2 wooden handles (approx. 24cm in width)
- Scissors
- Tape (optional)

Knots used: Lark's Head knot, Spiral knot, Square knot, Wrap (Gathering) knot

Cut Rope:

- Cut 28 pieces of rope, approximately 10 feet long
- Cut 7 pieces of rope, approximately 2 feet long
- Optional: Secure the ends of your rope with tape to prevent fraying. Once you are finished the nest you can cut the tape off.



Step 1: Folding your 10-foot lengths of rope in half, secure 14 lengths to your first bag handle using a Lark's Head knot. Repeat this on your second bag handle.

Step 2: You will be completing this step twice, once with each handle.

- Working left to right, tie a series of 7 spiral knots, each 10 knots in length
- Repeat on your second handle

Step 3: In this step you will join your two sides.

- Tie a row of square knots beginning with lengths 3 and 4 of your first handle. Leave approximately 1" of length between your last spiral knot and your first square knot.
- When you get to the last two lengths of the first side, join your second side continuing with square knots until you reach your first one of the row (now you will be working in rounds).
- Working in rounds, tie 6 more rounds of alternating square knots, leaving approximately 1" of length between rows.

Step 4: For the last three rounds, continue tying alternating square knots, however, do not leave any space between rounds. This will tighten up the bottom of the bag.

Step 5: Lay your bag flat and working left to right while taking rope from BOTH sides, gather the first 9 cords and join together using a wrap knot with a 2-foot length of rope. Continue across the width of your bag, joining 9 cords at a time.

Finishing:

- Trim the ends of the rope to your desired length.

This pattern was created by Erica Tjeerdsma of Aster & Vine. This pattern may be used for personal use as well as instructional material for workshops. Please share and tag your work @asterandvine on social media so I can see your creations!