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HOW TO MAKE A MACRAME OWL



Materials needed:

- 100 feet of 5mm Aster & Vine Recycled Cotton Rope
- 2- 1" beads with 3/8" hole
- 2 pieces of dowel (or branches) approximately 8" long
- Scissors & tape (optional)

Knots used: Lark's Head knot, Square knot, Diagonal Clove Hitch knot, Alternating Half Hitch, Wrap (Gathering) knot

Step 1:

- Cut 8 pieces of rope, 12 feet each
- Cut 2 pieces of rope, 2 feet each
- Optional: Secure the ends of your rope with tape to prevent fraying. Once you are finished the owl you can cut the tape off.

Step 2:



- Attach your 12-foot pieces of rope to one of your pieces of dowel (or branch) at the halfway mark using a Lark's Head knot.
- Tie four rows of alternating square knots working your way into a V.



- Using the outermost left strand of rope as your filler cord, tie a row of diagonal clove hitch knots to the centre of the V. Repeat on the other side using the outermost right strand as your filler cord, joining in the centre.

Step 3:



- Tie one square knot with the centre four cords of rope. On either side of this square knot, thread a bead with 2 cords.



- Using the outermost left cords, tie a sinnet of 9 alternating half hitch knots. Repeat this on the other side using the outermost right cords.



- On the left side, attach the half hitch sinnet directly under the left bead using a square knot. You will be using the two cords from the half hitch sinnet and the two cords that were threaded through the bead as your four cords to make the square knot. Repeat on the other side.

Step 4:



- Working left to right, tie one full row of square knots.



- Tie a row of alternating square knots, approximately 3 – 4 inches under your previous row.



- Slide those knots up until they are directly under your previous row of knots. This will create the loopy look on the body of the owl.
- Continue tying 3 more full rows of alternating square knots, each row approximately 3 – 4 inches under the previous row, sliding them up after each row.

Step 5:



- Working left to right, tie a sinnet of 3 square knots, a sinnet of 2 square knots, a sinnet of 2 square knots, and a sinnet of 3 square knots.



- On the left side, take the 3-knot sinnet and put it behind the neighbouring 2-knot sinnet. Join using a wrap knot. Repeat on the other side. This creates a spot to slide in your second piece of dowel or branch.

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!