

MACRAME GUIDELINES

NOTE: Please be present for judging if possible. It is nice to include a copy of the pattern.

EXHIBITION REQUIREMENTS:

- **Materials:** Maxi cord, nylon, polypropylene, waxed linen, jute, fake jute, cotton, acrylic, (no yarn). Feathers, cloth, ribbon, yarn, etc. may be used as accents. Also, beads, eyes, handles, dowels, rings, frames, etc., may be used. Do not bring additional decorations (detached) such as to complete a display, ie: figurines, flower arrangements, candles, etc.
- **Skill:** Make knots tight and make rows even and level. Use material appropriate to the skill (& strength) of the exhibitor. Use increasingly advanced knots when increasing years in the project.
- **Finishing:** All projects must be finished, brushed out if needed, ends fused or woven in, and ready to hang or use.
- **Size:** Project must fit on display tables with no overhand or be ready to hang.
- **Cleanliness:** Do not exhibit dirty projects, most cord is washable.

BEGINNING PROJECT IDEAS:

- **Skills & Project Ideas:** Learn square knots (right, left, half, alternating), overhand knot, half hitches, larksheads, butterflying and wrapping.
- **Exhibit:** Animal or other small wall hangings, jewelry, Christmas tree ornaments, small plant hangers, small tables, or small hanging shelf units.

INTERMEDIATE PROJECT IDEAS:

- **Skills & Project Ideas:** Learn square knot picots or buttons, additional half hitches (diagonal, alternating, triple, double) and sinnets. Learn fusing and adding or dropping cords.
- **Exhibit:** Purses, larger wall hangings, hanging tables, people or animal wall hangings, larger plant hangers or placemats or rugs.

ADVANCED PROJECT IDEAS:

- **Skills & Project Ideas:** Learn cluster knots, chinese crown knot, josephine, berry knot, barrel knot, basket knot, cavandoli, monkey's fist, twining, square-round knot, turkhead, coil knot, splicing and weaving.
- **Exhibit:** Three dimensional items, lamps, advanced wall hangings, screens, tables, large plant hangers, hammocks, chairs or other furniture. You could also combine weaving and macrame.