

# MERMAID TAIL KEYCHAIN

## Supplies included:

Two piece of macramé cord  
(about 48" and 8" lengths)  
Keychain d-ring with a swivel  
lobster clasp  
Comb

## Additional supplies needed:

Painter's tape  
Scissors  
Long reach lighter (optional)



## Step 1

Cut longer piece of macramé cord in half. Attach (macramé term is "mount") each piece of cord to the keychain d-ring by using a Lark's Head Knot (LHK). To create the LHK, make a loop in the cord. For this project, we want the length of each side of the cord uneven. On one side of the cord the length should be half the length of the other side. Insert the loop into the d-ring and fold around flat edge. Pull ends of cord through loop. Tighten knot. Then repeat with other piece of cord. The outer cords to the left and right should be the longer cords. The middle cords should be half as long.



## Step 2

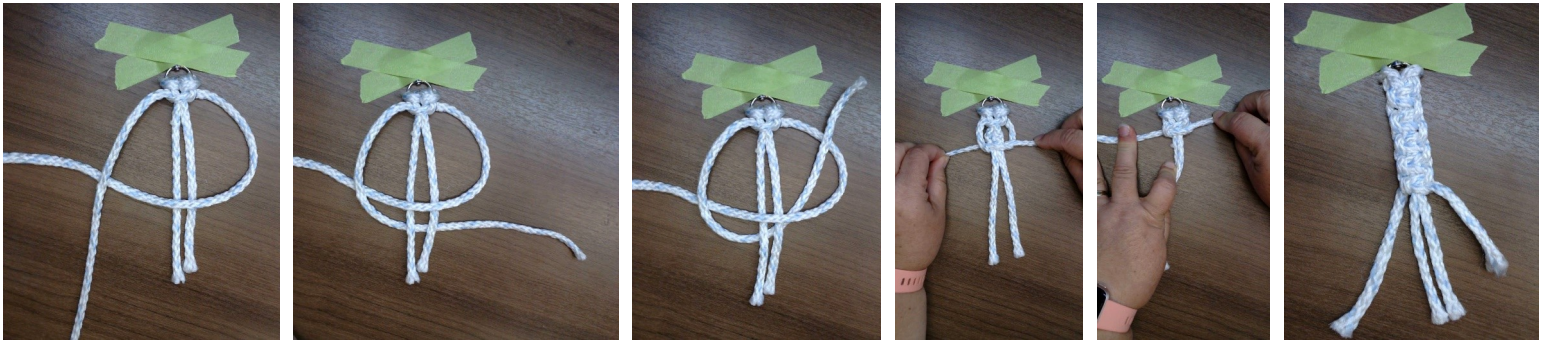
Using the painter's tape, secure keychain to your work surface. The Mermaid Tail is created by making Half Square Knots (HSK) and Right Half Square Knots (RHSK) back to back creating a Square Knot (SK). Bring far left cord over two middle cords then under far right cord. Now take far right cord under middle cords and over far left cord. Tighten knot by pulling left and right cords. Pull down on middle cords as needed. You've created a Half Square Knot (HSK)!





### Step 3

Next, bring right cord over two middle cords then under left cord. Take left cord under two middle cords and over right cord. Tighten knot. You've created a Right Half Square Knot (RHSK) and completed a Square Knot (SK)! **Now repeat Steps 2 and 3 four more times.**



### Step 4

Lay additional short cord under four cords at base of the last knot. Wrap around the cords twice. Tie and pull tight. Cut ends of this cord at the tie. The optional long reach lighter can be used to melt the ends so they won't fray.



### Step 5

Unravel four cords to the tied short cord. Use comb to brush out tail. Cut at an angle toward center so tail will look like a mermaid's tail! ***"Have you ever seen something so wonderful in your entire life?" – The Little Mermaid***



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