

Knotted Cord Rosary Making Instructions.

To make a knotted cord Rosary you will need:-

- 1 1 x Cord x 1420 long (with sealed ends)
- 2 White crucifix
- 3 53 x Hail Mary beads
- 4 6 x Our Father beads (usually a contrasting colour)

Cords are supplied with the ends sealed with clear lacquer to prevent the ends from fraying. **You should keep your fingers away from the cord end while stringing beads and tying knots.** Grasp the cord about 12mm (1/2") from the end.

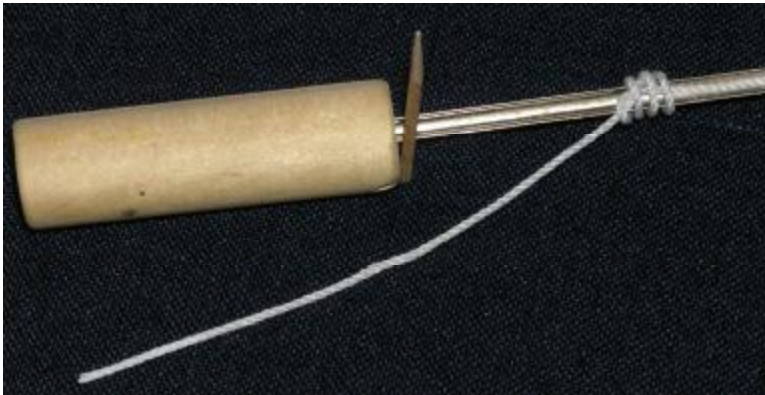
Step 1.

Start with the cord about 100mm (4") from one end and lay the cord over the tool. Cross the long end over the tail to form a "X". See photo below:-



then wrap the long end over 3 times moving towards the handle of the tool.

Feed the long end over the short tail and through the groove in the tool from the handle towards the end of the tool, then grasping the long end 12mm from the end pull it through and slide the loose knot off the tool. See photo below:-



Gently pull on both ends of the cord until the knot forms and then tighten firmly.

Step 2.

Now feed onto the long end of the cord 10 Hail Mary beads slide them down to the first knot and tie another knot [as in Step 1]. This knot when pulled up tight should be about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ a bead length from the last bead. This is to allow the user to finger the beads by having a small space between beads.

Step 3.

Now feed 1 Our Father bead onto the long end of the cord and slide it down to the last knot and tie another knot [as in Step 1]. This knot when pulled down should be tight up against the Our Father bead. See photo below:-



Step 4.

Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until you have threaded 10 Hail Mary beads, 1 Our Father beads, 10 Hail Mary beads, 1 Our Father beads, 10 Hail Mary beads, 1 Our Father beads, 10 Hail Mary beads, 1 Our Father beads, 10 Hail Mary beads, then tie the last knot to form 5 decades. See photo next page:-



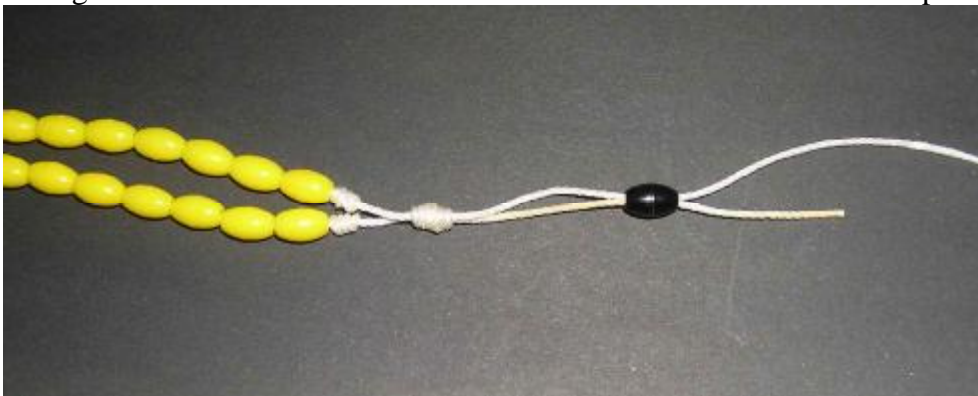
Step 5.

Now taking both short and long cords held side by side wrap as previously over the tool but this time make on 2 wraps keeping the cords flat. Don't allow the cords to overlap as the formed knot will be rough. Then feed both cords through the groove and slide the loose knot off the tool.

Gently pull down on the cords to form a knot about 10 to 15mm (approx 1/2") from the two knots at the ends of the decades. See photo below:-

Step 6.

Feed the end of the long cord through an Our Father bead and then carefully feed the short cord through the same bead. This is difficult to do and takes a little time and patience.



Lay the short cord tail in the groove of the tool and use the long tail to form a knot [as in Step 1]. Slide the loose knot off the tool and pull down on the long cord to gently form a knot up tight against the last bead.

Step 7.

Slide 1 Hail Mary bead onto the long cord and feed the short cord through the bead. Now trim off the short cord up close as possible to the bead.

Feed 2 more Hail Mary beads onto the cord and tie a knot [as in Step 1] again leaving a small space [as in Step 2]. Pull the knot down firmly.

Step 8.

Now feed the final Our Father bead onto the cord – DO NOT TIE A KNOT !!

Feed the cord through the hole in the crucifix 2 times and adjust the cords to leave about 20mm (3/4") gap between the last bead and the crucifix. Lay the Rosary over the tool so the beads are away from you and the cross and tool held in the left hand. Wrap the cord over the tool 5 times and then feed the cord through the groove from the handle towards the end of the tool.



Slide the loose knot off the tool and gently feed the end of the cord through the last Our Father bead. Now pull the loose knot up towards the last bead and firmly pull on the end of the cord to tighten the knot. Trim the cord as close to the bead as possible.

The Rosary is now complete and ready to be packed into a plastic bag.