

DIY WITH NOBILIA

# DECORATIVE MACRAMÉ



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### THIS IS ALL YOU NEED

- » 9 lengths of macramé yarn or cotton cord (each strand should be six times as long as the final macramé)
- » Wooden dowelling or branch
- » Small wooden beads to thread on (optional)
- » Cotton cord for hanging

## DECORATIVE MACRAMÉ HOMEMADE KNOTTED DECORATION

Coming from the Orient, the macramé knotting technique was originally used to keep flies off horses. Later on it was also increasingly used as decoration for the home and for jewellery. Following these instructions, you can make your first very own personal macramé in next to no time!

### METHOD

- 01.** Form a loop from each of the 9 cords so that both ends of the cord are always on one side.
- 02.** Place the loops over the dowel and pull both ends through so that all the cords are attached to the dowel. This should now leave a total of 18 strands hanging from the dowel.
- 03.** Tie a first reef knot with the total of four strands of the first two cords from the left: take the leftmost strand and place it over the next two, but under the rightmost of the four strands. Now pass the right-hand strand under the two middle ones and over the left one. Pull the left and right-hand strands to tighten the knot towards the top.



- 04.** Tie a second reef knot with the first four strands, this time starting with the right-hand strand: pass it under the middle strands and over the left-hand one. Now place the left-hand strand over the middle two and under the right-hand one.
- 05.** Repeat steps 3 and 4 with the next two strands until you reach the end of the dowel.
- 06.** In the next row, join the cords together by leaving the first two strands to hang and proceed as described in steps 3 and 4 from the third strand onwards.
- 07.** To obtain the downward pointing triangular shape, leave out four strands on each side in the next row instead of two. Continue in this way, always leaving two more strands on the left and right in each row until, at some point, you only have to tie one knot in the middle. This is then the tip of your triangle.
- 08.** The strand ends can simply be left to hang down loosely. If you wish, you can decorate them with small wooden beads or rings.
- 09.** Attach a cotton cord to both ends of the dowel for hanging.



**This completes your homemade macramé.**