

PARACORD PEOPLE

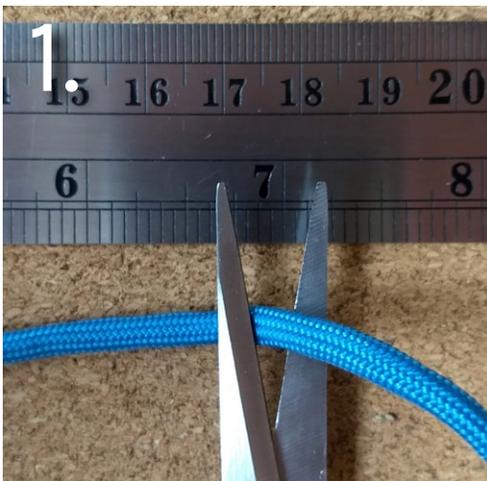


A great way to use up paracord scraps! These guys can be made with as little as 2 feet of paracord—even less if you use a bead instead of a diamond knot for the head.

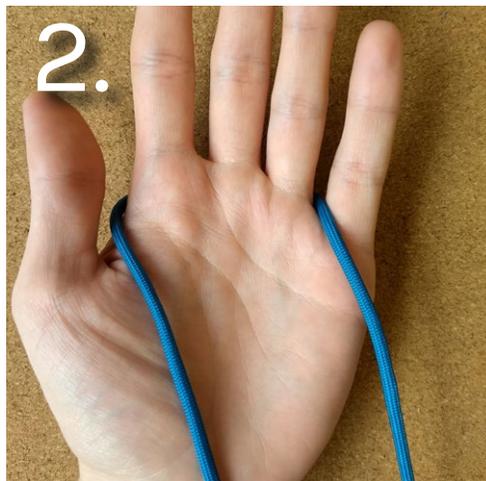
A fun craft for kids! Use as keychains or as zipper pulls for small hands.

Difficulty: ★★★★★

Knots used: diamond/lanyard, snake, overhand



1. Grab a piece of paracord that is 2 feet or more. Cut off 7 inches from one end. Set the 7 inch portion aside.



2. To make a diamond knot for the head, loop the rest of your cord around the middle three fingers of your left hand. Both ends need to be the same length.



3. Make a loop with the right-side cord. The tail end of your right cord should curl underneath the loop. Lay this loop over the left cord in your palm.



4. Take the left-side cord and bring it around to the right. Pass it underneath the right-side cord.



5. Weave this left-side cord through the loop in your palm. Go over the first cord, under the second, and over the last.



6. Make the loops in your hand small, tidy, and even—like in the picture.





7. Curl both ends around the knot counter-clockwise.

8. Grab your top cord and bring it past the cord that goes around the back of your pointer finger. Poke it up through the middle of your knot.

9. Do the same with the bottom cord. Bring it past the cord that goes between your ring finger and pinkie, and poke it up through the middle of the knot.



10. Both ends should now be together in the middle of your knot.

11. Carefully pull the loop off of your fingers. Do not pull tightly on the ends. This will cause your knot to "capsize" = not good!

12. Slowly pull on the loop and ends while gently squishing the knot in your fingers. If you have trouble with this method, you can instead feed each individual cord through until the whole knot is tightened.



13. It should look like this. If your loop is longer than 4 inches, you can again feed the individual cords through the knot to bring the excess cord to the ends.

14. To make snake knots that make up the body, loop the right-side cord around the left, like in the picture.

15. Bring your left-side cord round the back of the right-side cord.



16. Then, put it through the loop on the left side.



17. Before you tighten this snake knot, take the 7 inch piece that you cut at the beginning and insert it between the two cord above the snake knot.



18. Tighten the snake knot as close as you can to the diamond knot head.



19. Make two more snake knots directly below the first.



20. Tie an overhand knot on each limb about 1 inch away from the body.



21. Cut the extra cord 1/4 inch away from the hands and feet. Have an adult help you melt the ends of your paracord and flatten them against the hands and feet.

