

Spiral Steering Wheel Wrap (French Hitching)



The steering wheel often shows a car's first signs of wear and tear.

If you have a worn out wheel, you may want to cover it up. Instead of buying a faux leather cover, try a DIY paracord wrap. This method looks sharp, gives fantastic grip, and revitalizes a worn out steering wheel. All you need for this project is a little over 100 ft. 550 paracord.

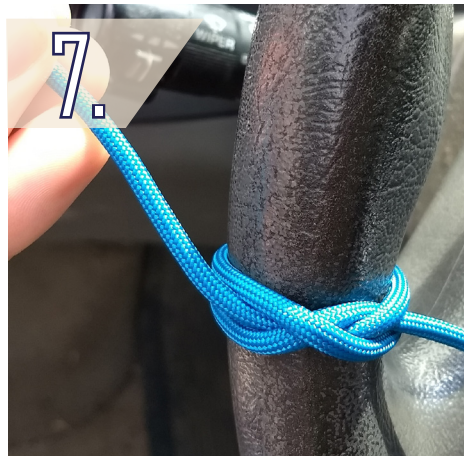
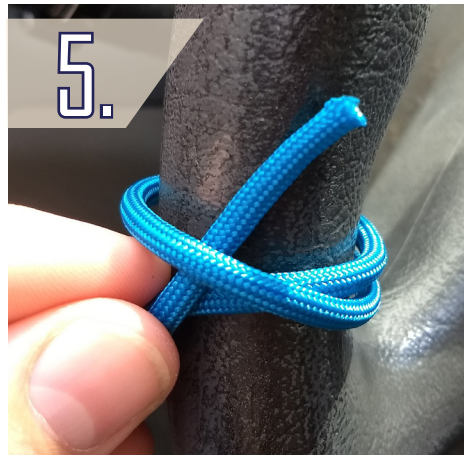


1. This wrap will be done in a few segments. Start with the longest portion of the wheel. This will allow you to have the most room for weaving with the biggest wad of paracord. Point one end of your cord toward the center of the wheel.

2. To anchor the end, make a constrictor knot. Do this by wrapping the paracord once around the wheel. The working end should come around on top.

3. Cross the working end over the wrapped cord and around the wheel once more.





4. Take the end and bring it over the bottom left cord.

5. Then, pass it underneath the top left cord.

6. Next, pass it underneath the top right cord. The end should come out between the top and bottom right cords.

7. Pull both ends to tighten. You may be tempted to hide your cord ends on the back of the wheel, but this will actually make it much harder to melt the ends of your paracord once done. Leave them on the front for now.

8. Now start your spiral hitching by bringing your cord around the left side of the wheel.

9. Then, put your end through the loop you just made.

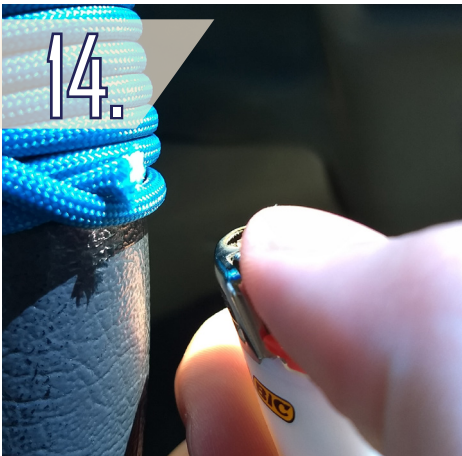
10. Tighten by pulling the slack to the left and to the right. Now you have mastered the spiral hitch!

11. Again, wrap your cord around and through the hole.



12. Continue this pattern for the length of the wheel segment.

13. When you reach the end of that segment, no extra knot is needed. Tighten your last knot before cutting the cord 1/4" from the last knot.



14. Immediately melt the end so that it does not slip out of the knot. Then press the side of your lighter against the melted end. This will form a flat end that will keep it from pulling through.

15. Be sure to begin each additional segment the same way to ensure your spirals all go the same direction.



After you complete the knotting and melt your ends, you can hide the ends by twisting the wrap to orient them toward the back side.



On projects that require long lengths of paracord, cord management is key. Roll your cord into a hank to make knot tying easier.



If your paracord becomes twisted, it is important to fix this before continuing. Kinked cord causes knots to not form correctly.