



TACTICAL GEAR HANDLE



This simple handle has no shortage of uses. Have you ever wished your backpack or bag had an extra carrying handle? Attach a tactical gear handle to existing D-rings or straps via the HK clip on each end.

A 10" handle is a good size for a carry handle, while a 4 ft. handle makes a handy shoulder strap for a messenger-style laptop bag. The 10" handle requires 25ft. of paracord; the 4ft. handle requires 100ft.

Materials:

- 550 paracord (25-100ft. See above)
- HK clips (2)
- Bottle opener hardware (optional)
- Cutting tool (Tactical Rope Tool)
- Lighter



1. Fold measured paracord in half. Insert the middle through the bottom of the HK clip.

2. Loop the middle of the cord over the top of the HK clip.



3. Bring the loop all the way around and tighten it down. The result should be an upside down cow hitch.

4. Insert both ends of your paracord through the other HK clip going in through the top and out through the bottom. Make sure your cords are not twisted.



5. Flip your project around so that you can begin braiding toward yourself.

6. First, insert each end of the paracord through your HK clip one more time, working toward the outside. You should then have a total of four passes through the clip. Now is a good time to make sure that your handle is the length you want. If not, adjust the length.



7. This handle uses an easy square knot weave, known in the paracord community as the "cobra weave." Begin your weave, by taking the right cord and laying it over the middle two cords and under the left.

8. Pull your left cord behind the center cords and through the loop created by the right cord.



9. Pull all of the excess cord through the loop and tighten the knot.

10. Now do the same thing from the other side. Cross the left cord over the middle two and under the right side.



11. Pull the right cord underneath the middle two and up through the loop created by the left cord. Pull your excess through and keep repeating that pattern: right, left, right, left. (Steps 7-11) Tighten after each knot.

12. Keep braiding until you reach the other end of the handle. You should periodically slide the knots toward the top. Do this by pulling down on the center cords and up on the weave.



13. Flip your project around again. Insert both ends of the paracord through the HK clip, in through the top and out the bottom.

14. Do this once more. There should now be a total of 6 cords going through the base of the HK clip.

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15. You will now continue to make a cobra weave right over the top of your existing weave. This is called a “king cobra weave.”

16. Once you make a few of these knots, you will notice that the outer weave naturally aligns with the weave beneath it. No need to squish the weave together this time.

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17. Once you get close to the other end, you can add the optional bottle opener. Simply weave right through the middle of it. About 4 passes of the cobra weave will fit inside.

18. Once you reach the other end, insert the ends of each cord through the HK clip, up through the bottom. Leave a loop on each side.

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19. Insert the ends through the loops you just created.

20. Tighten your knots and flip your handle around again, also turning it on its back so that you are looking at the bottom side.



21. Loosen the last two passes of the outer cobra weave. Reminder: this should be on the bottom side of your handle.

22. Poke your ends through the loosened loops. Then tighten everything back down. You may have to work the knots to get everything tight.



23. Cut both ends about 1/4" from the tightened loops. Use either a scissors or the Tactical Rope Tool cutter.

24. Use the lighter to melt the ends. You can use the side of the lighter to squish the melted ends against the handle.

Attach the finished handle to your gear. Enjoy the versatility from having a new way to carry your stuff!

