

A woman with curly hair is wearing a white macramé dress. The dress has a high neckline with a lace-like pattern and long, thin fringe hanging down. She is looking down and slightly to the side. The background is a plain, light color.

MACRAMÉ COUTURE

17 embellishment projects

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JACKET FRONT-POCKET STRIP

This small but colorful macramé strip will give a fun flourish and finishing touch to your classic denim jacket—making it particularly special and uniquely your own.



Knots used:

Diagonal double half hitch knot, lark's head knot, overhand knot

Macramé strands:

All lengths of 1 mm waxed thread

1 x Bright green, 102 in. (260 cm)

2 x White, 55 in. (140 cm)

2 x Blue, 55 in. (140 cm)

2 x Yellow, 55 in. (140 cm)

6 x Fuchsia pink, 55 in. (140 cm)

1 holding board strand, the width of the board

Materials:

One denim jacket with front pocket

Knotting board and clips

Needle and white sewing cord

Ruler and lighter

Scissors

Textile glue (optional)

Dimensions:

The width of the strip is about 1 in. (2.5 cm), depending on how tightly you tie your knots. The strand length given here is to make a 14 in. (35 cm) macramé strip, but you can easily make it longer, knowing that you will need about 16 in. (40 cm) of cords (x 2 for the center one) to make an extra 4 in. (10 cm) of weaving.



STEP 1 Using the clips, install the holding board cord horizontally across the board—the color doesn't matter since it is pulled off at the end. Fold in half the bright green strand and knot it with a lark's head knot. Place one white strand on either side, using a simple overhand knot, then do the same with the blue ones and then the yellow ones, and finally add three pink threads on each side. (1)



STEP 2 From now on, only diagonal double half hitch knots will be used. Knot both green strands together with a double half hitch knot and use these two same threads as holding cords to make two diagonal lines going out from the middle to both sides. (2,3)

STEP 3 Repeat step 2 to create a second line by knotting both central white threads together, then using them as holding cords. When you get to the end of these lines, you also have to tie the green cords coming out from the first ones. (4)

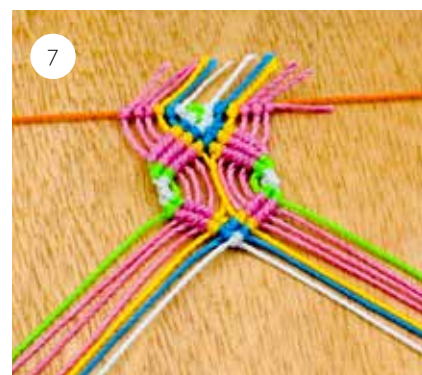
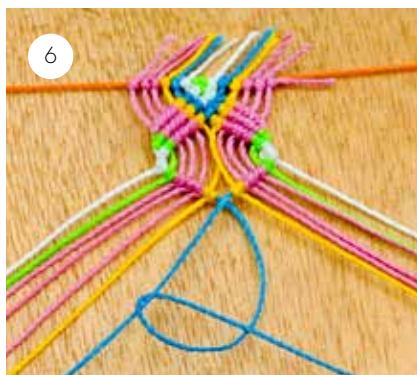


STEP 4 Repeat step 3, using the blue threads as the holding cords. Do not forget to knot them together first, and also to tie the white threads at the end of these third lines. (5)

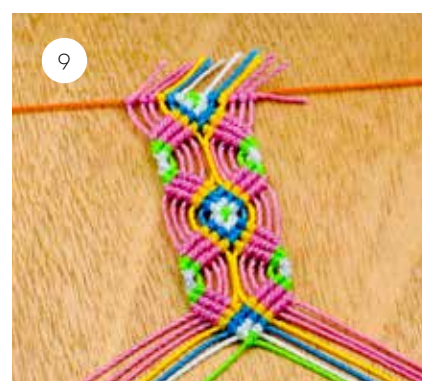
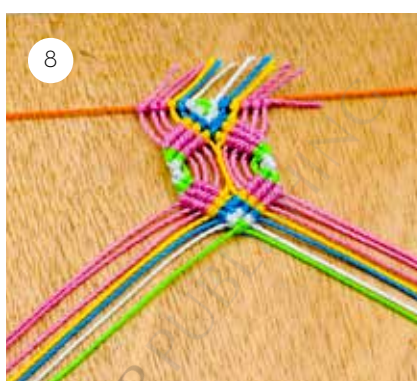




STEP 5 Now the aim is to make a line on both sides, running from the sides to the center. For this, keep using the blue threads as holding cords and knot back across the same cords but in the reverse order—your holding cords have to be held at the same angle, and your knotting threads have to be firmly tied to create a kind of diamond shape. When you have completed one line on each side, tie both blue cords together to join them. (6)



STEP 6 Repeat the previous step twice more to create two more lines. The first time, use the white cords as holding cords; the second time, use the green ones. Do not forget to tie the holding cords when they meet in the middle. (7, 8)



STEP 7 Keep repeating from step 2 through to step 6 until the size of your macramé strip is the right length to fit your jacket. It must be finished with three lines going from the sides back to the center. (9, 10)

STEP 8 Unclip your holding board cord and pull it off before cutting and neatly melting every outstanding thread. (11)



Attaching your Macramé

Now you need to attach the strip to your jacket. Open the front pocket and carefully pass the button through the first diamond shape. With your needle and thread, sew a knot on each white side of the strip until you near the lower part of your jacket. Instead of sewing, you could use a textile glue. (12, 13)

