

Christmas Gift Decoration



Skill level: Beginner

You will need:

- 5.5cm wooden hoop
- 2m of red 2mm macrame cord
- 2m of white 2mm macrame cord
- 15mm wooden bead
- 20mm jingle bell
- 10cm clear thread
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

To make:

1. Take the piece of red macrame cord and the piece of white macrame cord and hold them together in a line. Fold the cords in half longways so they now measure 1m.
Place the folded end through the hoop and out the other side.



2. Take the tails ends of all of the cords, put them over the top of the wooden ring where the loop is and then place them through the loop. Pull tight.



3. Separate the cords so there is a red and white cord on the left, and a red and a white cord on the right.

Take the red and white cord on the left-hand side and place the tails over the top of one side of the wooden hoop as in the image above.

Place the tails through the middle of the wooden hoop and back through the loop created by the cord. Pull tight.



4. Continue adding knots until you are halfway around the wooden hoop.



5. Take the cords you initially put to one side and add more knots until you have covered the whole hoop with cord.



6. String the bell on to the clear thread.



7. Tie the clear thread to the wooden hoop, in the middle of the four strands of cords. Tie two knots and trim any excess thread.



8. Thread the white cord on to the yarn needle and then thread on the wooden bead.
Take the red cords to the side of the decoration you would like to be the back, and tie a tight knot, tie another tight knot. Trim the ends of the red cords to neaten.



9. Take the white cords and tie a knot 5cm from the top of the bead.
Cut the cord 2cm from the knot.
Fray using the end of the needle.



Tips and ideas

- Using a fine permanent marker, you could write the name of the recipient on the bell.
- If you do not want to use the colours on this design, you can change the colours to any of your choosing.
- To make a decoration with just one colour, cut 3m of one colour of cord. Complete the knots as explained but just use one cord for the knots instead of two.
- The recipient can hang the decoration on their tree or in their home.