

Making Cord Rosaries

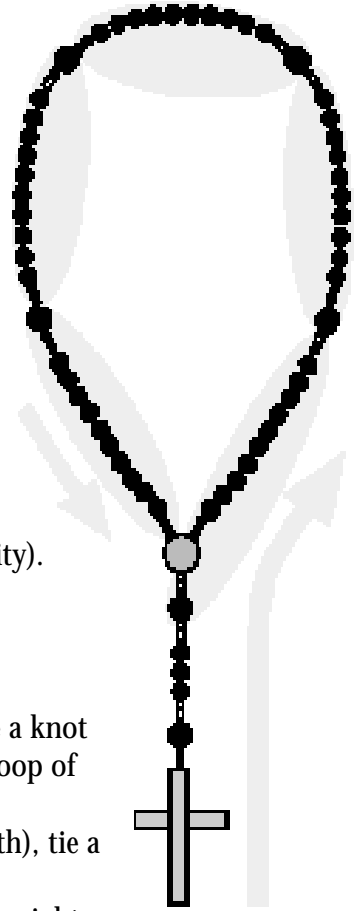
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To make the rosary you will need:

- 53 "Hail Mary" beads
- 6 "Our Father" beads
- 1 Center
- 1 Crucifix
- 3 or more feet of cord
- 1 Cord knotting tool
- Nail polish or super glue
- Scissors to cut the cord
- 20 minutes to 1 hour (depending on your experience and dexterity).

Simply follow these steps to make your rosary:

1. Tie one end of the cord to one of the side holes of the center. Tie a knot about 1/4" inch from the center, so the center hangs on a small loop of cord (see below for how to tie special rosary knots).
2. String ten beads. Leaving a little bit of space (about a bead's length), tie a knot. This space will keep your cord rosary from feeling stiff.
3. String one Our Father bead and tie a knot. These knots should be right up against the Our Father bead.
4. Repeat steps 3 & 4 until you have five sets of tens beads, each separated by a single bead.
5. Cut the cord about 3 inches past the last set of ten beads.
6. Tie the end to the other side of the center, again about 1/4" from the center.
7. Using another piece of cord, attach one end to the bottom of the center. Tie a knot 1/4" below the center.
8. String one bead and tie a knot.
9. String three beads and tie a knot.
10. String one bead and tie a knot.
11. Cut the cord about 3 inches past the last bead.
12. Tie the end to the crucifix, allowing the crucifix to hang on the cord about 1/2" below the last bead.
13. Dab all the knots with clear nailpolish or super glue (optional).
14. Let dry and trim extra cord.



For a different look and a longer rosary, make a small knot between each of the Hail Mary beads and a larger knot between the Hail Mary beads and the Our Father beads.

Making Special Cord Rosary Knots

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(For right-handers. Left-handers just reverse left/right directions.)

1. Grip the knotting tool by the handle with the left hand.
2. Lay the cord along the top of the metal prong with the groove facing you, holding the cord in place with your left forefinger.
3. Wrap the cord entirely around the metal prong three times, moving back toward the handle and scooting your left forefinger back as you go. The cord will be wrapping over itself.
4. After the third wrap, the cord should be coming up under the tool. Tuck the end of the cord through the slot in the middle of the tool, under you previous wraps.
5. Carefully slide the knot off, keeping it small, and pull to tighten it.
6. If you need to untie the knot, roll it backward with your fingers until it loosens and pull it apart.

After a little practice making knots will come quickly and easily. If this process is too difficult or confusing, you may use regular finger-tied (square) knots between the beads.

