

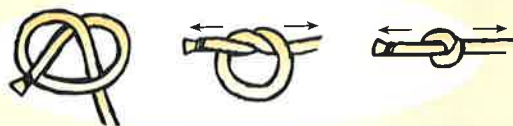
Yarn and Fabric Arts

Macramé, crocheting, knitting, weaving, embroidery, and batik and fabric dyeing are some ways to use textiles, fibers, and yarns in artistic and practical ways. Have fun and improve your home, your clothes, or your wardrobe—even your mood.

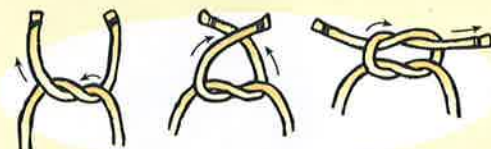


Knots

Overhand



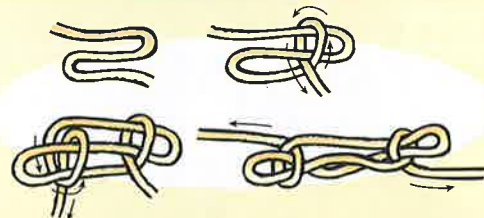
Square



Half hitch



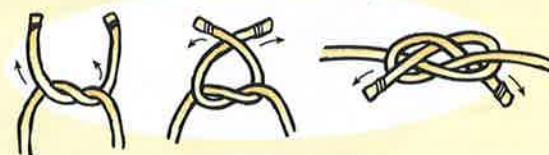
Sheepshank



Clove hitch

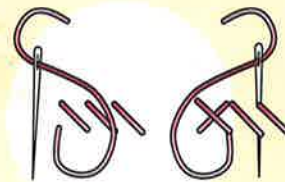


Granny



Stitches

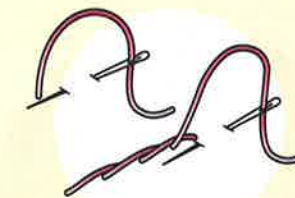
Cross Stitch



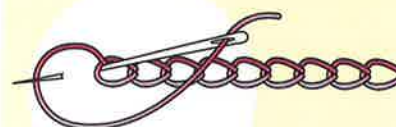
French knot



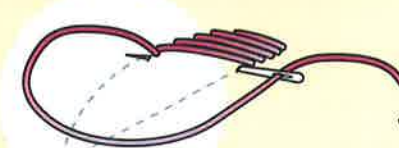
Back Stitch



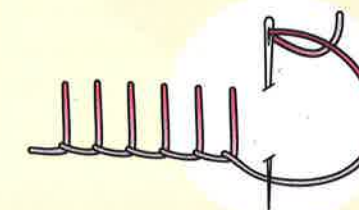
Chain stitch



Satin stitch



Blanket stitch



1. Dye It

Use dyes or tints to decorate a small object like a scarf, T-shirt, or pillowcase.

2. Weave On

Learn how to weave and do one of the following: Weave something on a cardboard loom; weave a tapestry on a cardboard or other type of loom; make and thread a simple loom (such as back-strap or flat frame), then demonstrate how to use it and weave something on it; make a belt with finger weaving, tube weaving, or some other type of narrow weaving; create a basket in a woven, coil, braided, or twining technique.

3. Famous Fabric Masterpieces

Find examples of fabric arts displayed in a museum in your area or in a virtual museum online.

4. Knots

Learn how to make the following knots:

- Overhand
- Square
- Granny
- Half hitch
- Sheepshank
- Clove hitch

5. Knot Project

Do a simple macramé project: belt, plant hanger, bookmark, or place mat.

6. Knit On

In knitting, learn how to cast on, knit, purl, and cast off. Make a scarf, cap, afghan square, or other small item.

7. Crochet On

In crocheting, learn to start a chain, single crochet, double crochet, tie off, or end. Crochet a scarf, cap, afghan square, or other small item.

8. A Stitch in Time

Learn how to do each of the following embroidery stitches:

- Chain stitch
- Cross stitch
- Satin stitch
- French knot
- Blanket stitch
- Back stitch

Complete a small embroidery project.

9. Fabrics of the Past

Find out about a fabric art that was traditionally done by women in earlier times.

10. Fabrics 'Round the World

Find out about fabric arts that are traditional to a particular culture or country.