

# Macramé Hanging Pot

Age: 6-9 Group size: 6-12

Duration: 40 mins



Preparation time: 30 mins

## Resources

- Strong parcel string/twine
- Plastic pots
- Gas hob (adult only)
- Skewer (adult only)
- Scissors
- Measuring tape/ruler



## Preparation

This activity is differentiated. One pot uses plain string and the loop at the end is secured with a whipping knot. The other pot is made from plaited twine and also has a whipping knot.

The pot used has a diameter of 17cms but you can use any size of pot. For management purposes it is better if all your pots are the same size as each other because this means that your string can all be cut to the same length. You will need to make holes for the string in all the pots (one pot per child). Hold a skewer in an oven glove over a gas flame until it is hot. Use the skewer to pierce 4 holes spaced at regular intervals around the pot about 1cms



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from the top. The holes should be large enough to pass the string through.

For the plain pot you will need 2 lengths of string 60cms long and a smaller piece for the whipping knot about 20cms.

For the larger pot you will need 4 pieces of string measuring 80cms, 2 pieces measuring 95cms and 1 piece about 30cms.

## Activity – plain pot



Fold the 2 pieces of string in half, one on top of the other. Hold them on the ground with your feet. Take the shorter piece of string and make a loop about 8cms long.

Place the loop about 6cms above the middle of the 2 long folded pieces. Take the longer end of the small piece and wrap it around itself



and the 2 other pieces of string. Wrap it around and around upwards towards the folded ends (like a noose). When you get to the end and arrive at the loop you made, put the end of the string (the piece you have been wrapping around) through the loop. Now, move down the coil to the other end of the 20cms piece. Pull the end of the string, this will make the knot at the other end tighten and



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disappear. When the knot is tight, cut off the long trailing end. This will leave you with a neat knot making the loop in the middle of the 2 long pieces of string secure. If the whipping knot is in the wrong place it can be slid up or down.



Take the 4 ends of string and thread them one at a time through the holes in the pot. Make a loop in the end of each thread then pass the end of the thread through and pull tight. The knot should be big enough to block the hole.



Plaited pot – Take 2 pieces of string 80cms long and one longer string. Hold the ends of the 2 shorter pieces but leave a length of about 7cms longer on the longer string. Loop the 3 ends and then pull them through to make a knot. Separate the 3 strands and then plait them together. When you get to the end secure with another knot. Repeat this for the other 3 pieces of string.



Take the 2 plaited ropes and fold them in half. Take the shortest piece of string and make a whipping knot as for the plain pot. Take the longer piece of string hanging off each end of the plaited ropes and knot through the pot as before.

