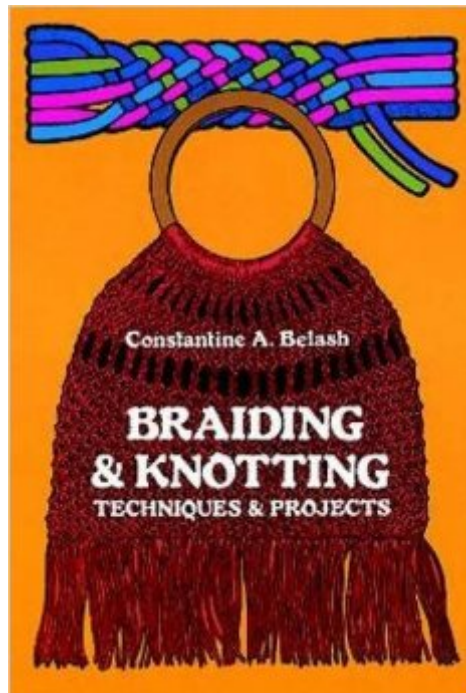


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# Braiding & Knotting: Techniques And Projects



## Synopsis

All you need is three or more pieces of string, rope, cord, or some other pliable material and you're ready to begin! This book will teach you how to braid, weave, and knot them in hundreds of different ways, from simple three-stranded braiding through the attractive "though more complex" macramé knotting. Complete, easy-to-follow instructions begin with braiding and weaving with anywhere from three to nine strands. Flat braiding, solid braiding, braiding over multiple strands, weaving across stationary strands, and many other techniques are covered. Each yields a different texture and pattern, so that with the imaginative use of color the results can be quite attractive. The knotting section covers the many different kinds of knots (square, spiral square, triple, half hitch, etc.) and how to use them in various decorative or functional ways. Fifty-seven drawings are especially helpful in adding clarity to the directions. Along with these instructions there are directions for making numerous articles with your braids and knots: belts, lanyards, mats, rugs, sandals, hats, bags "only your imagination will limit the number of things you can make. Anyone inclined to take up braiding and knotting will find this book immensely helpful, not only in getting started, but in going through the advanced stages of crafts.

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This Dover reprint of a much older book has useful instructions for making braids, lanyards, sandals, bracelets and decorative trim, even a handbag in silk. Recommended for people who want to do

something useful with fiber and cord.

I was searching for a book that included visual and detailed instructions on various kinds of multi-strand braids and the techniques involved in creating something that looked complex, but was fairly simple to do. There are many knot books out there, as well as some braiding books - but the braid books are usually for friendship bracelets or hair and the knot books are more simple knots with specific uses. This book has sections on flat braiding and knot braiding. It is easy to follow, and gives written instructions in addition to several diagrams of finished weaving!! I was very excited to receive this book. I am now braiding a lovely cord out of several colors using seven strands, and I could not be happier. I just wish this book were more widely available! It would have saved me a lot of waiting time if I could have found it at a local book store. I would recommend this book to people who can synthesize written instructions with visual diagrams; it is not for young children, as the finger coordination required would be challenging when combined with trying to learn a new skill from a book that is mostly text and illustrated in black and white. Once the reading skills are solid (as long as they can multitask well), they should be able to focus on coordinating their hand movements and sorting out the appropriate strands for each next step.

Perfect book for braiders and those who want to knot. Highly recommend for any crafter's reference library. You will not be disappointed with this book.

\_\_Braiding and Knotting\_\_ by Belash is a good introduction to braiding. It covers flat braids, some simple 4-, 6- and 8- strand braids, and some macrame knotting as well. Instructions are included for some simple projects to make with braided items, such as a hat and a lanyard. This book was originally published in 1936, and does not have the photographs readers may be used to from more recent books about braiding and knotting. However, the illustrations are excellent and in my opinion are better than most photographs in conveying the construction of various knots and braids. A very good book for beginners.

Lots of info & background on these techniques. Also, good drawings. This was originally published in the '70s during the macramé craze.

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