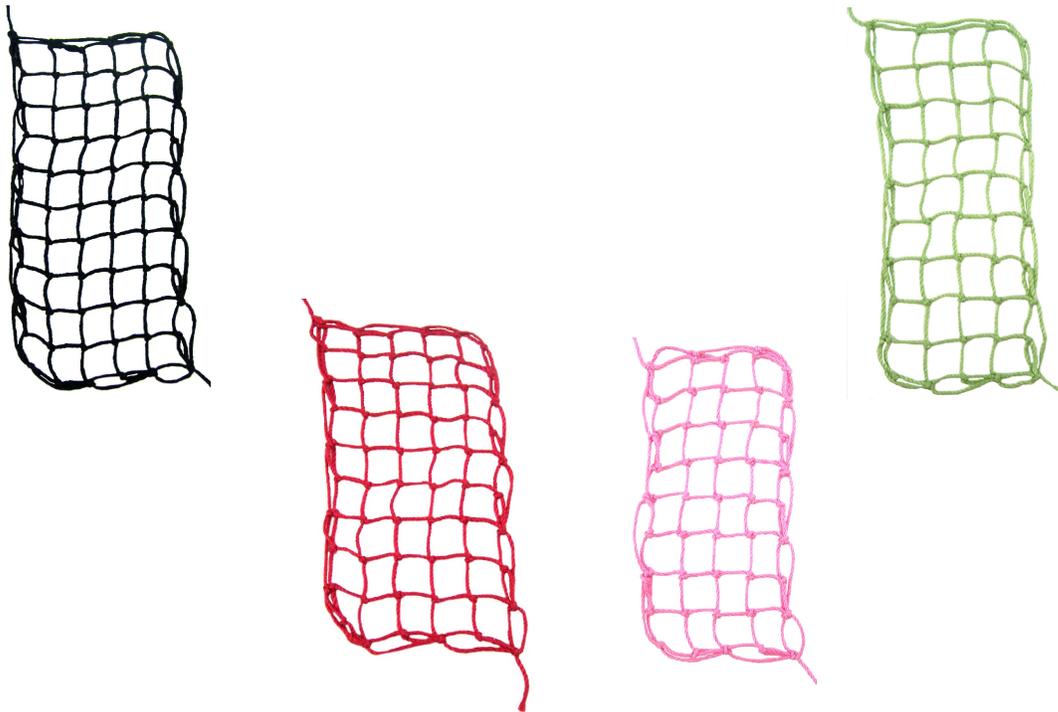


Beautiful and Practical Netting

Rectangle of Square-Mesh

Generic Instructions



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Making a Rectangle of Square-Mesh Netting

Before starting the actual netting:

Fill a netting needle or shuttle with thread or cord.

Attach it to a foundation loop. To do this:

Tie a slip knot in the thread or cord coming from the needle or shuttle. Leave a long tail, at least 6 to 8 inches.

Slip the foundation-loop cord through the slipknot.

Tie the foundation-loop cord into a circle thereby creating a foundation loop.

Tighten the slipknot.

Attach the foundation loop to a tension device.

Choose a mesh stick.

Form the Rectangle Width

Row 1: Net 2 knots into the foundation loop.

Remove the mesh stick and turn the work so that the next row can be worked from left to right. (This will be done at the end of each row.)

Row 2: Net into the first loop on the left; increase by netting twice into the 2nd loop.

Row 3: Net one knot in each loop except the last loop; net 2 knots in that last loop.

Continue by repeating row three. Each row will have one more loop than the previous row.

Odd Number of Squares Wide	Even Number of Squares Wide
When the same number of rows has been worked as the number of squares desired or there is one more loop on the mesh stick than squares desired, it is almost time to turn the corner.	When one more row has been worked than the number of squares desired or there are two more loops on the mesh stick than squares desired, it is time to turn the corner.
Next Row: Net 1 knot in each loop across the row.	
Following Row: Net one knot in each loop except the last loop; net 2 knots in that last loop.	

Turn the Corner

Net 1 knot in each loop until you come to the last 2 loops; net the last 2 loops together.

Form the Rectangle Length

The length of the net can be increased indefinitely by alternately increasing at the end of one row and decreasing at the end of the next row in the following manner:

Next Row: Net 1 knot into each loop, except the last loop; net 2 knots into the last loop.

Following Row: Net 1 knot into each loop except the last 2 loops; net them together.

Odd Number of Squares Long	Even Number of Squares Long
Continue repeating these two rows until the long side has the correct number of squares and is one row longer than the number of squares desired. It is at this point that the next corner is turned.	Continue repeating these two rows until the long side is one square less than the correct number of squares and has the same number of rows as the number of squares desired.
	Next row: Net 1 knot in each loop across the next row.
	It is at this point that the next corner is turned.

Turn the Next Corner

Net 1 knot in each loop until you come to the last 2 loops; net the last 2 loops together.

Repeat these decrease instructions until there are two loops left.

Tie the Last Corner

Finish the final row by netting these two loops together, but without a mesh stick.

Cut the thread near the knot just tied.

Tie the First Corner

Remove the foundation loop from row one of the net.

Tie the tail onto a tapestry needle, which is used in place of the netting needle.

Net the first two loops together without using a mesh stick.

Cut the thread near the knot just tied.