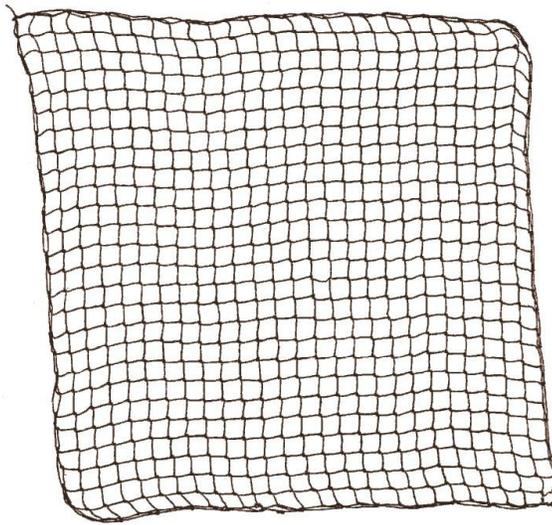


# *Beautiful and Practical Netting*

## Square of Square Mesh

### Generic Instructions



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## Making a Square 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.

### Start the Square

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.

When the number of rows worked is the same 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.

For example, to get a square that is 5 squares by 5 squares, we need to work 5 rows or have 6 loops on the mesh stick.

### Prepare to Turn the Corner

Net 1 knot in each loop across the next row.

### Turn the Corners

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

Repeat these instructions until only two loops remain.

**Finish the final row**

Net the two loops together without using a mesh stick.  
Weave the end into the netting.  
Cut the thread near the knot just tied.

**Finish the First Row**

Remove the beginning of the netting from the foundation loop.  
Tie the tail onto a tapestry needle which is used in place of the netting needle.  
Put the foundation-loop cord through the last loop formed.  
Tie the ends of the foundation-loop cord together to form the foundation loop.  
Attach the foundation loop to a tension device.  
Net the first two loops together without using a mesh stick.  
Untie the foundation loop.  
Remove the foundation loop from the netting.  
Weave the end into the netting.  
Cut the thread near the knot just tied.

Your square of square-mesh netting is now finished.