Creating a Foundation Loop



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NOTE: In these instructions whenever I use the word "string" I mean whatever string, cord, twine, rope, yarn, or thread you are using to net. The word shuttle is used to represent either a netting needle or a netting shuttle.

In order for the tension device to provide the tension needed to tie the netting knots, there needs to be some connection between the netting and the tension device. In diamond mesh netting and square mesh netting this is provided by the foundation loop.

To make the foundation loop and attach the filled netting shuttle to it, complete the following steps:

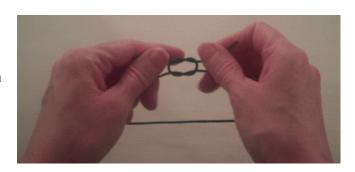
1. Cut a piece of string between 6 and 12 inches in length. I will refer to this as the foundation-loop cord.



2. Tie the ends of the foundation-loop cord together with a square knot.

That way it won't slip easily and can be untied quickly when necessary.

Now you have a circular foundation loop.



3. Tie the yarn from the netting shuttle or netting needle to the foundation loop.

Leave plenty of room between this knot and the knot that tied the foundation loop into a circle.

Also, leave a tail at least 6 to 8 inches long.



Now it's time to attach the foundation loop onto a tension device. Depending on the tension device you are using, you may need to untie the foundation loop and re-tie it around or through the tension device.