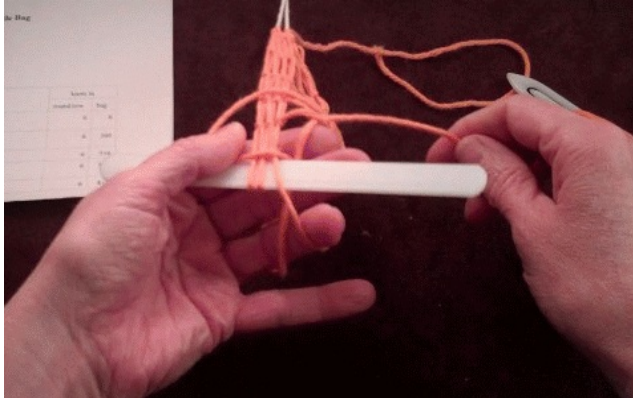
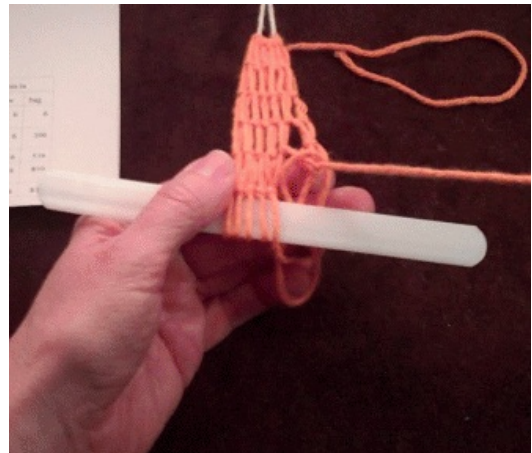


Troubleshooting the Lacemaker's Method:

The Little Finger and its Loop



Little finger did not catch the loop.



Little finger dropped the loop.

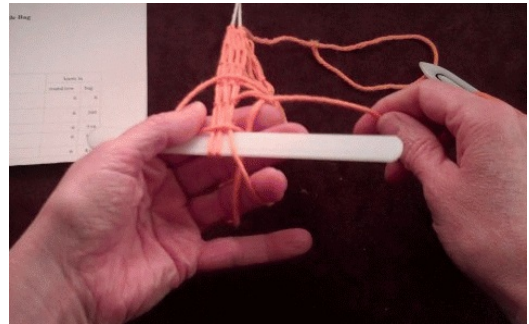
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NOTE: In these instructions the word “string” is used to represent whatever string, cord, twine, rope, yarn or thread you are using to net. The word shuttle is used to represent either a netting needle or a netting shuttle.

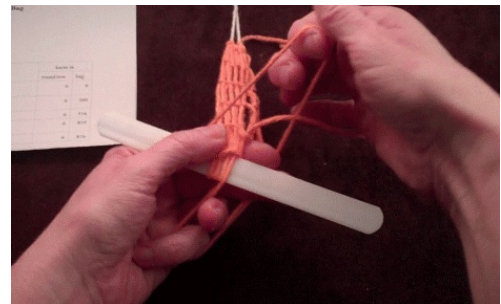
There are usually two problems the little finger has with the loop that it is supposed to catch. Either it does not catch the string, or the string falls off the little finger.

The little finger does not catch the loop.

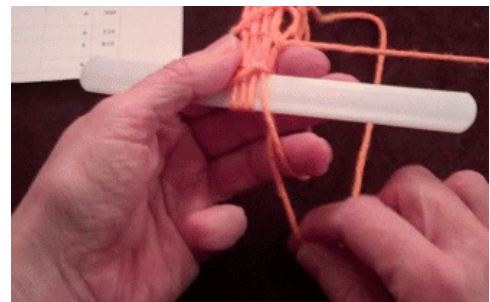
Let's start by looking at what to do if the little finger does not catch the string it's supposed to grab.



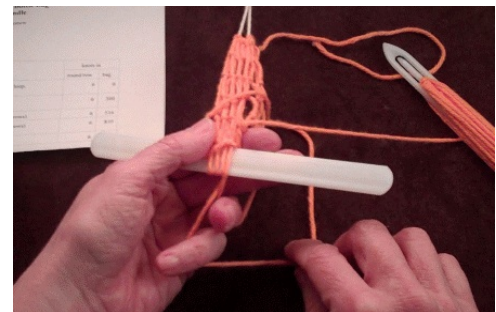
Since the string that goes around the little finger is a continuation of the string placed over the foundation loop, go back to the string placed across the foundation loop . . .



. . . and follow it around toward the little finger.

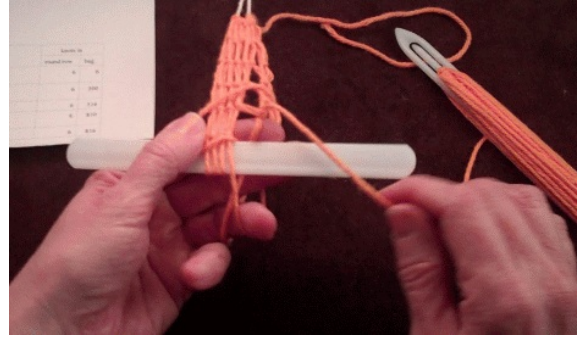


Once you know which is the correct string, slip your little finger in place holding that string.

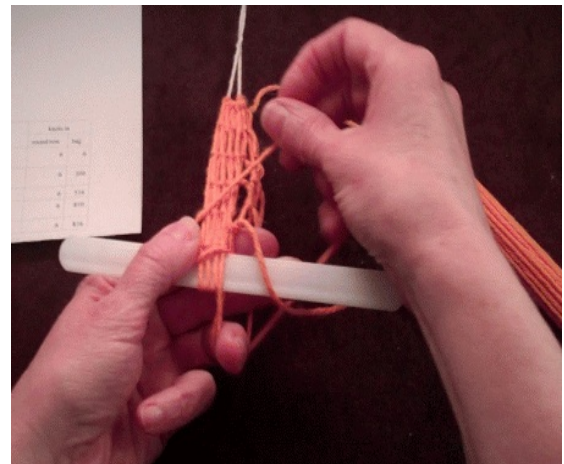


The string falls off the little finger - method one.

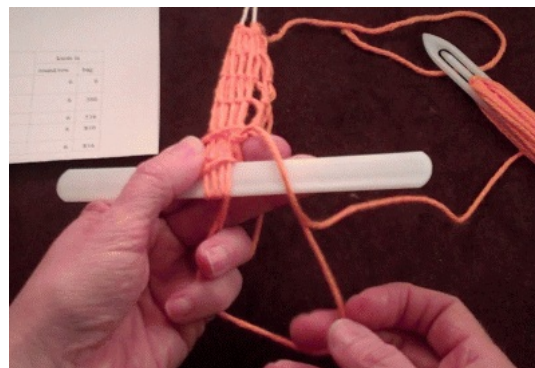
When the string falls off the little finger you can use the same process you use if the little finger does not catch the string.



Go back to the string placed across the foundation loop and follow it around toward the little finger.

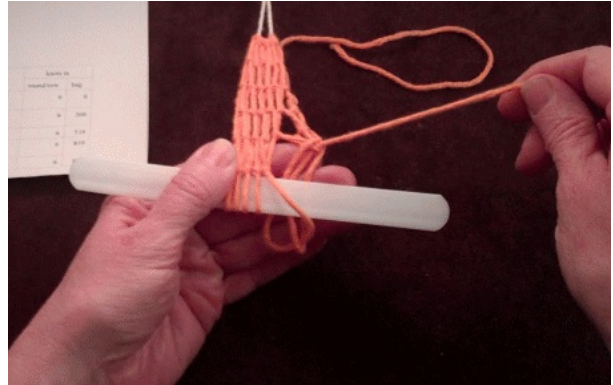


Once you know which is the correct string, slip your little finger in place holding that string.



The string falls off the little finger - method two.

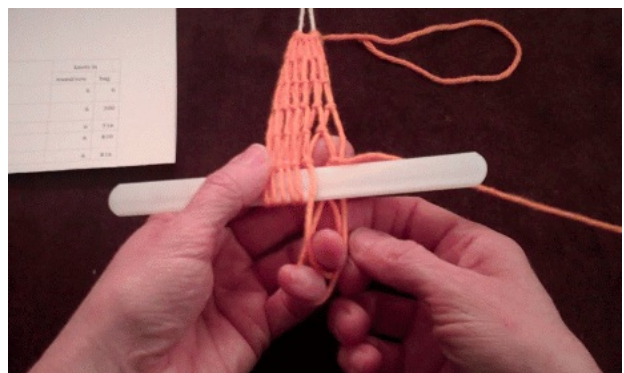
Another way to figure out which string to put on the little finger is to try pulling slowly on the string from the shuttle and see which string moves.



The one that moves is the one to put on the little finger.

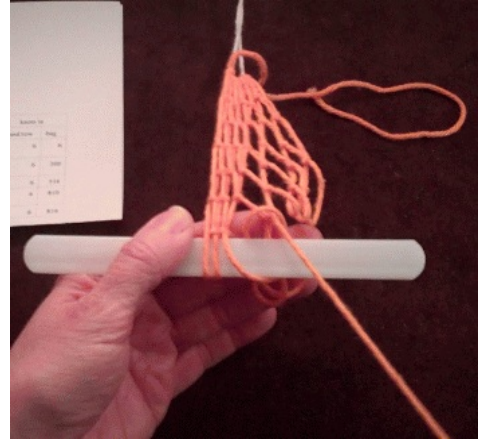


Often I put each loop around a different finger so I can feel which one moves without worrying about tying the knot while pulling on the string.

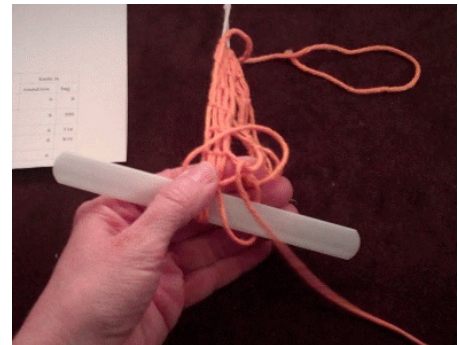


The string falls off the little finger - method three.

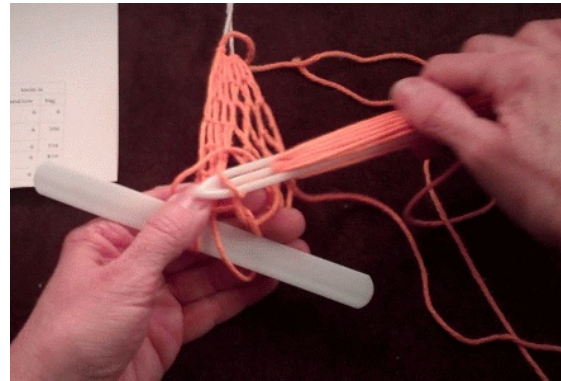
Sometimes the best solution is to undo the almost completed knot and start again.



Open the knot and . . .



. . . take the shuttle and follow the string back through the loops. . .



. . . until the knot is untied.

