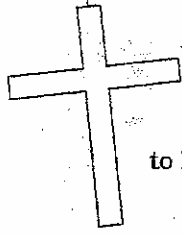


# How to Make Knotted Cord Rosaries



## Materials

Nylon cord or twine. #36 twine - 6 yards #48 twine - 7 yards  
#60 twine - 9 yards #72 twine - 10 yards #96 twine - 12 yards

Your finger or a blunt pencil

Cigarette lighter or matches

(An adult should use these to melt the end of the cord to keep it from fraying. Be careful, the melted end will be very hot for a few seconds.)

## Directions

### The Rosary Body

First make the rosary "body", the main section of Hail Mary's and Our Father's.

1. Drape the cord about 10 inches from one end over your left "pointer" finger or over a pencil held in your left hand, and hold it in place with your thumb. The free end will be held against your left palm with your other fingers.

2. With the remaining cord held in your right hand loosely wrap it clockwise (away from you) around the cord and your finger. Make three wraps around your finger or the pencil, each wrap closer to your hand.

3. Then push the cord under all the wraps and pull the entire length through. Slide the loose knot off your finger and tighten it. The nylon cord slides very easily and the knot is quite easy to tighten (this is especially helpful when placing the rest of your knots). This is your first Hail Mary knot.

4. Make another knot as directed in the first step, with your first knot held against your left pointer finger with your thumb. When you slide the second knot off your finger, move the loose knot along the cord until it is close to the first knot.

5. Then as you tighten your second knot by drawing the cord through, maneuver it a short distance away for spacing. To maneuver the knot into place, hold the cord and existing knots with your left hand, and simultaneously rolling and nudging the new knot into place with your right thumb and pointer finger while pulling on the free end with your remaining right fingers.

6. Make another eight knots this way. This is your first decade.

7. Next comes an Our Father knot. They are made the same way as the other knots, but the cord is wrapped around six times, to make a larger knot. When you slide the loose Our Father knot off your finger, remember while you're tightening it to leave a larger space between it and the last Hail Mary knot. Then as you begin the next decade, again remember to leave a larger space between the Our Father and the first Hail Mary than the spaces between the Hail Mary's

8. Repeat these steps to make the next four decades.

