

Project: Lanyard Key Chain

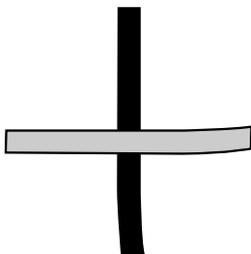
Level: Medium

Age: 7 and up

Materials needed: Two plastic laces in different colors (each about 24 inches long) a key ring, extra lace or string to make an anchor (long enough to wrap around your knee and tie comfortably)

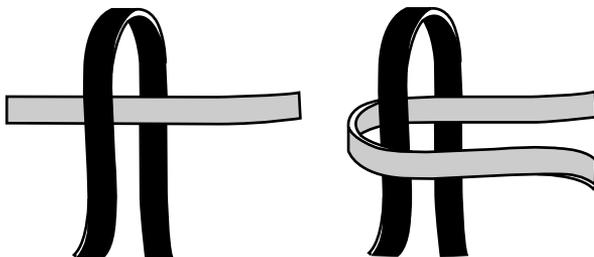
Directions:

1. Fold each strand of plastic lace in half and make a crease, so you know where the center is. Cross the two strands of plastic lace at their centers.



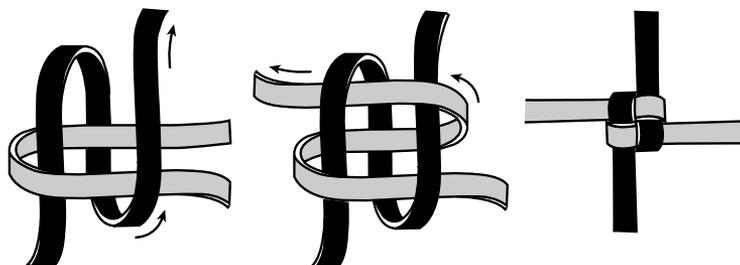
Starting your lanyard.

2. Fold the top piece (color 1) down over the piece going left to right, then fold the left half (color 2) over to the right.



The next step in weaving your lanyard.

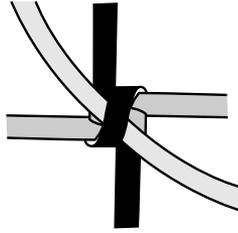
3. Fold the right-hand piece of color 1 back up and weave the top piece of color 2 over the nearest strand of color 1 and under the farthest strand of color 1. Pull everything tight.



How to finish weaving and what your finished box should look like.

4. Turn your work over and slip your anchor piece through the loop on the back. Tie it around your knee or on a doorknob or the back of a chair (or whatever is handy for you to pull against).

Inserting the anchor loop.



5. Turn your work back over and make the next “box” by folding the top piece down and the bottom piece down (they are both color 1), keeping them side by side. Then cross the left color 2 piece over the nearest color 1 strand and under the color 1 strand that’s farthest away. Repeat with the color 2 strand on the right. Pull tight.
6. Repeat the process until your braid is the desired length. Tie a knot as shown in the following figure and then insert your key ring and do it again. Make sure your knot is tight.



Finished knot.

7. Or, you can insert your key ring at the beginning and use your anchor through the ring, forming the first box braid around the ring.



Variation using the key ring to start.