

The Catholic Craft Nook Rosary Kit Instructions

Thank you for your purchase! I hope you will enjoy your experience making a beaded, cord Rosary. This kit keeps things simple by requiring only four knots. Alternatively, knots may be used in place of the spacer beads, which will necessitate 14 additional knots. Please let me know if you have any questions or need assistance along the way.

May you be abundantly blessed through praying the Rosary.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!

Preparation:

1. **Watch the instruction videos linked on www.TheCatholicCraftNook.com for making barrel knots and attaching the center piece and Crucifix.** There are many other videos available online, but those I have shared with you are the ones I found most helpful.

2. **Use the extra cord provided to practice until you are satisfied with your knots. Video #4 demonstrates a full practice session with a dry run for making your Rosary.**

Consider cutting the extra cord provided into smaller pieces for ease of use in simply practicing barrel knots.

3. Tips for success making Rosaries with children:

The first session should consist of practicing using the cord-knotting tool. Depending on the age(s) of the children and the size of the group, have extra assistants on hand who are familiar with making the knots. Monitoring children as they make their knots allows you to catch undesirable knots before they have been fully tightened. Making a slip knot in the cord works well when storing the project between sessions.

For younger children, consider attaching the long cord to left side of center piece in advance. This greatly simplifies the project, and allows the children to immediately begin stringing beads. Attaching the crucifix to the short cord can also be done in advance. These measures work especially well when there are time constraints and for younger children who will not be making knots themselves. This means there are only two knots needed to complete the Rosary, which makes it more manageable for assistants to do for them during or after the session.

Making your Rosary

TOOLS AND SUPPLIES

- Rosary Kit
- Plate or bowl to keep beads contained during the project.
- Sharp scissors
- Clear Nail Polish

* Set scissors and nail polish aside, away from little hands.

Step 2: Body of the Rosary

At the beginning and as often as is necessary, make a good clean cut on the end of the cord. Apply a tad of clear nail polish, using brush to remove large globs and create a smooth tip. Allow it to dry, completely untouched, for a minute or so. When cutting off excess cord, use sharp scissors to make a clean cut, leaving a 1-2 mm tail. A small dab of polish can help to further secure each knot.

Attach long (3.5 foot) cord to Center Piece.

- Pull cord through the hole on the top right of the center piece. Pull it through about 3 inches.
- See Video #2 for tool placement for attaching the center piece. When making my Rosaries, I have opted to leave minimal space between the knot and the centerpiece/crucifix. I do that by placing the tool directly up against the centerpiece when I make the knot (as demonstrated with the Our Father bead in video #1). However much space you decide to leave, remember to try to strive to stay consistent with that throughout the Rosary.

String beads as follows, double checking bead counts along the way. An image of the finished product has been provided in order to assist with visualizing the completed Rosary.

spacer bead

10 Hail Mary beads

spacer bead (end of first decade)

(*) Our Father bead

spacer bead

10 Hail Mary beads

spacer bead (end of decades 2, 3, 4 and 5)

Repeat from (*) on in order to create the third, fourth, and fifth decades.

Finish body of Rosary by attaching to the top left hole in the centerpiece, using same technique demonstrated in video. Cut off excess cord.

Step 3: Finish Rosary/Attach Crucifix

Attach short (15 inch) cord to Centerpiece, then string beads as follows:

Spacer bead

Our Father bead

Spacer bead

3 Hail Mary beads

spacer bead

Our Father bead

spacer bead

Attach Crucifix to Rosary with finishing knot using technique demonstrated in video.