

<Korean Traditional Knot: Dragonfly magnet>

**** Here is a Youtube tutorial about assembling this kit :** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Qf3iZwOD_0&t=38s

The kit includes:

Completed dragonfly knot (sample)

Threads for dragonfly knots

Threads for tail decoration

Magnet

Also, you will need:

Wood glue

Super glue

Scissors

Sharp tool such as awl, needle, toothpick

How to make a dragonfly:

1. Making the first set of wings

1) Place a starting knot at the bottom and the ends of the string on your left and right.

2) Take the right string and bring it over the left and around, and make a knot (this will be the body of a dragonfly).

3.) Let's call the left thread 1 and the right thread 2.

*** When you tighten the knot, make sure the size of the knot is not bigger than your pinky nail.*

4) Make a small loop, which becomes a left wing of the dragonfly, using thread 1.

5) Make another loop, which becomes a right wing of the dragonfly, using thread 2 on the other side of it.

6) Make thread 2 on your left into the left loop (wing) by inserting the thread from bottom to top. .

7) Take thread 1 on your right into the right loop that was made in step 2 from bottom to top.

8) Tighten the loops by pulling the tails and wings while holding the body of the dragonfly.

2. Adjusting the size of wings:

1) Make wings smaller by pulling the tails until the desired size is reached.

2) Make wings bigger by pulling the upper side of the wings until the desired size is reached.

3) Make sure that the body is a square shape.



3. Making the second set of wings

: Get the tails ready to make the second set of wings. Repeat the previous steps to make them.

- 1) Take the right string and bring it over the left and around, and make a knot
- 2) Let's call the left thread 1 and the right thread 2
- 3) Make a small loop, which becomes a left wing of the dragonfly, using thread 1.
- 4) Make another loop, which becomes a right wing of the dragonfly, using thread 2 on the other side of it.
- 5) Take thread 2 on your left into a left loop that was made in step 2 from bottom to top.
- 6) Take thread 1 on your right into a right loop that was made in step 2 from bottom to top.
- 7) Tighten the loops by pulling the tails and wings.
- 8) Adjust the size of the wings by pulling the tails or the upper side of the wings.

4. Final steps to complete

- 1) Once the wings are completed, cut the tails to the desired length.
- 2) Using a sharp tool like a needle or a toothpick, add some wood glue to the middle and ends of the tails to keep the threads from coming untied.

5. Adding thread wraps to tail

- 1) Use thread to decorate the tail by making a loop in the shape of backwards number "9."

*** Thicker thread is used in the Youtube tutorial for a clearer explanation.*

- 2) Place the loop on the tail.
- 3) Start to wrap over the loop from the bottom of the tail (about 1 centimeter).
- 4) Lastly, pull the end of the thread through a loop that is made at the end.
- 5) Tighten the knot by pulling the end of the tail and the thread both ways.
- 6) Cut off the excess thread using scissors. Add some wood glue to the ends of the thread to keep the wraps from coming untied.
- 7) Add super glue to the magnet and attach it to the body of the dragonfly.

6. Completed!

