

BASIC TOOLS REQUIRED FOR MACRAME

Other than your standard materials – rope/twine/cord; scissors; beads, you will need these very important and useful tools.

1. Anchoring your project

Depending on what macrame project you are working on, you will need various types of anchoring boards/tools. It is very important to anchor your macramé projects, whilst you are working. There are several reasons:

- It will help to keep your cord/ropes untangled
- You can create your knots with an even tension and size.
- It is easier to create your project, when it is secured.

Clip Board

For smaller projects, such as bracelets, earrings, coasters and even the beginning of a plant holder, a clip board is fantastic.



OR

Macrame Board

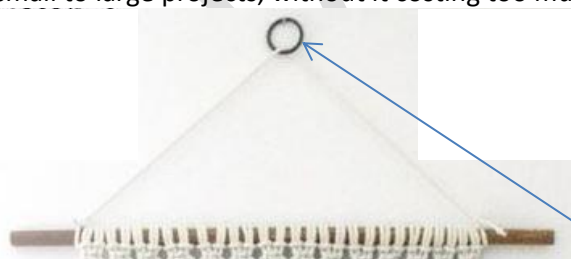


Hanging Dowel Rods

The use of dowel rods is dependent on the size of your project and the type of project. If you are going to make a career out of macramé, then I would invest in several sizes of dowel rods – thickness' and lengths.

Smaller projects such as placemats, runners, wall art, bags you can use 15 mm to 20 mm thickness and 1 metre dowel rod.

Attach strong rope on either side of the dowel rod, so that you can hang your “anchor”. This method can be used for small to large projects, without it costing too much.



Optional Ring

This can be hung from the door – I use a coat hanger and feed the rope over the top of the hanger and hang the hanger on the door. Door handles are perfect also.

Clothing Rails – preferable adjustable

Clothing rails are also fantastic. The only hiccup, if you are going to use the clothing rail as an anchor is the thickness of the top rail “rod”. But there are ways around this and that is by buying “S” hooks and hanging them on the clothing rail.



As you can see there are a variety of cost effective ways to anchor your macramé projects.

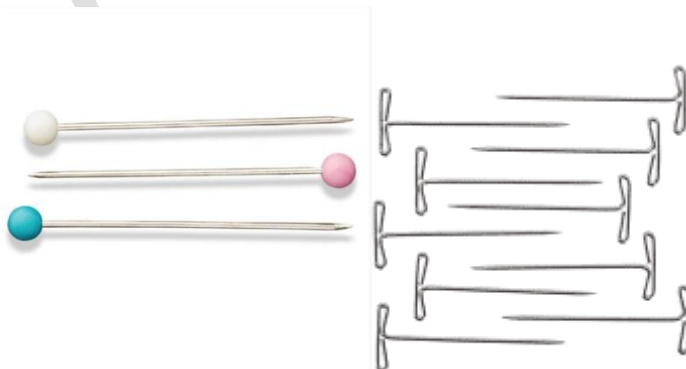
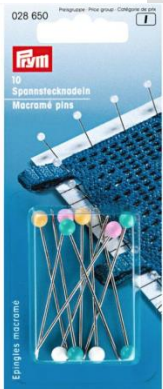
Please note that there are other ways of anchoring your projects, one can purchase a macramé “anchor”.

Macrame Assistant



The Macramé Assistant is a stability hook, it grips onto most tables and doors and you can use to hang your macramé to create.

Macrame Pins.



These pins are also often used in fixed materials, where a normal pin no longer has the necessary stability. The robust tip makes it easier to use, and the colour-sorted heads can also be used really well as markings. Often used for smaller project such as jewellery making

2. COMBING TOOLS

You can purchase a variety of macramé combing tools. These are used for creating the tassel “look” by combing out the rope/twine/cord.

NOTE – Please remember that not all rope/twine/cord can be combed out.

There are a variety of metal animal combs.



As you can see, there are a variety of combs. I personally suggest a wide tooth comb and a fine tooth comb, as I use the wide tooth comb to start the unravelling of the rope/twine/cord and then the fine tooth comb to create the fluffiness.

The brush is also a popular choice.