

# Monroe Public Library

## Directions to make the Air Plant Hanger

- This step has been done for you, but feel free to re-knot your strands.
  - Hold them together, fold in half, and knot a loop at the fold point to create a handle. It doesn't need to be a very large loop—just big enough to hang it wherever your plant's going to go.
- If you have somewhere to hook that loop, like the spindle on the back of a chair or the top of a coat hanger hung on a doorknob, it will help with this next part. (If not, that's okay.) Divide the eight pieces of cord into four sections of two cords each. Next, tie a knot in each of those sections, each at about the same distance from the loop; depending on the length of your cord, this could be 3" to 6" from the loop. The knots mark approximately where the top of your container will be, and they don't have to be super tight.
- Now here's where your macramé project begins to take shape. Moving left to right, take one strand from the first section and knot it with one strand from the next section, 1 ½" to 2 ½" from the first knots you made in the last step. Take the other strand from that second section and knot it with one strand from the next section on, at about the same length. Take the other strand from that third section and knot it with one strand from the last section. Take the remaining strands from the fourth and first sections, and knot them together. Again, the knots needn't be super tight and their placement doesn't have to be precise.

- Spread apart the four lower knots, and you'll see a sort of lacy circle where you can place your yogurt cup. Put the clean cup inside the cords so you can get an idea of where you want the knots to land. I think they look prettiest when the first set of knots is just below the lip of the jar and the second set is just above the base of the jar. Or, a set of knots just above the rim, then two more sets somewhere along the jar also look nice. Gather the cords below the jar and secure in a final knot. You might need to adjust the jar to have it sit flat (especially if your knots were a bit unevenly placed).
- Depending on how much cord you have left over, you could trim the ends or leave them hang. If your material is susceptible to unraveling or fraying, consider treating the ends by dipping them in melted clear wax. Or embrace the macramé of old and pull apart the ends to create a fun fringe.
- Place the stones in the cup. Snug the base of the air plant into the stones.
- Your plant is ready to hang!

**Materials:**

Twine - Amazon: WINKO Macrame Cord 3mm x 328Yards, Natural Cotton Macrame Rope, 3 Strand Twisted Cotton Cord for Wall Hanging, Plant Hangers, Crafts, Knitting, Decorative Projects, Soft Undyed Cotton Rope

Stones - Dollar Tree; you can use small shells, colored fish tank stones or sand, too

Air plant - <https://www.airplantsupplyco.com/>