



CUB SCOUT BOOMERANG (BRONZE/SILVER) TEST 14 – HANDCRAFT

Make a Five-Ring Mat from Sash Cord.

Resources

- Cotton Sash Cord
- Linen Thread
- Needle

Instructions

1. Cut a 3 m length of 6 mm cotton sash cord;
2. Tie a piece of cotton, or similar material, around the cord 850 mm from one end (that marked A in the diagram);
3. Follow the instructions to tie the 'flat' Turk's Head knot;
4. Finish off the mat by stitching each of the two loose ends of the cord to the respective adjacent cords with a piece of linen thread, and trimming the cord close to the stitch so that end cannot be seen from the opposite side. Stitch the ends where both the stitch and end will be hidden when the mat is turned 'face up'. There is no real difference between the top and the bottom of the mat. The bottom is simply the side from which you can see the ends of the cord, and the top is side from which they cannot be seen—assuming that you have correctly chosen to end the cord in a place where the ends can indeed be hidden!

Resource Preparation

Cotton Sash Cord

Zenith ?	3 m x 6 mm	\$1.80/m	Hardware Store
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Synthetic sash cord will melt if it gets hot, and so is not a good substitute, even though it is generally much cheaper than cotton sash cord.

Mark a point 850 mm along the 3 m length of cotton sash cord tie a piece of cotton thread around the cord—this can be easily removed when mat is finished). When tying the first set of loops to make the initial, single cord 'knot', size the loops so that this mark lines up with the start of the cord as you begin the second 'pass' around the 'knot'. This will ensure that there is enough overlap in the ends of the cord, when the mat is finished, to finish off the mat neatly.

Linen Thread

Gutermann 100% Linen thread (CA02776) (50m)	\$3.10	Spotlight
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Strong, fine string or thread is all that is required here.

Needle

Brand/Part Number	Size	\$Cost	Spotlight
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Use a needle that is easy to thread with the thread being used. Given its structure, it is pretty easy to push even a large needle through sash cord.

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