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Step 4: Cut fringe, brush, cut, brush, and repeat



Now for the fun part! Cut the fringe at the bottom in an inverted V shape (like a fish tail, or a mermaid tail in this case).

Grab your macrame fringe/pet brush and brush it out really well. I sprayed mine with some Aleene's Stiffen Quik spray to help it hold its shape.

Once it's brushed out, trim it again back into the upside down V shape.

Done!

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for a video tutorial



Step 1: Attach the cords to the keychain clasp

First you need to attach your three 48" cords to the keychain clasp by folding them in half and using larks head knots to secure them.

Then, pin the clasp down to your macrame board or cork board and it's time to start knotting!



Step 2: Tie diagonal double half hitch knots

The majority of this keychain is made with diagonal double half hitch knots.



Start on the left and make two diagonal double half hitch knots going down and to the right.

Then on the right, make three diagonal double half hitch knots going down and to the left. This will form a nice V shape. Continue this process for six more rows (there will be seven all together).



For the eighth row, starting on the left you'll do the one diagonal double half hitch down and to the right, then you'll hold both the filler cord AND the working cord from the first knot together and tie the second diagonal double half hitch over them both (down and to the right).



Then switch over to the right side and do the same process. The first diagonal double half hitch down and to the left will be normal.

For the second knot, you'll hold the filler cord and the working cord from the first knot together and tie the knot over them.

Step 3: Finish with a wrapping knot



Now it's time to tie the wrapping knot at the bottom. Grab the 20" long piece of rope and hold it against the ends in a U shape (like the first picture above.)



Then begin wrapping firmly right under the last row of double half hitch knots. Wrap around four times.

Thread the end of the cord you've been wrapping with through the loop underneath the wraps (the bottom of the U you made earlier). Then pull the short cord sticking out of the top of the wraps until the loop slides up under the wraps about halfway. Don't accidentally pull it out of the top! Trim the two ends of the wrapping knot and push them up under the wraps.