

Rope Toy Version 2

(Cobra Stitch)

Materials

Fleece fabric or jersey knit

Scissors

Preparation

Cut your fabric into strips. The strips should be about 3 inches wide. The length of your strips will vary depending on how much fabric you have to work with. A good starting point is 50-60 inches. Anything longer will be a little cumbersome to work with, but feel free to work with really long strips if that doesn't bother you.

1. Take 1-2 strips of fabric and fold them in half. This will make up the core of your rope. You can add more fabric strips to make the rope thicker, if needed.



2. Next, take 2 more strips (don't fold these) and line the ends up with the end of your core. Tie this in a knot. In this example, our rope will be orange and yellow. The black strips make up the core.



3. Now pick one strip of fabric as your primary piece. In this case, we'll use yellow. This strand will always pass *over* the core and *under* the other color.



4. Take the other strip of fabric (in this case, orange) and pass it behind the core and up through the loop created by the yellow piece.



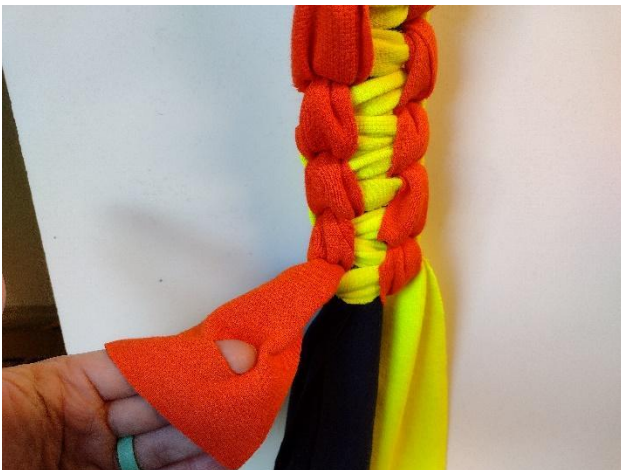
5. Pull the pieces tight.



6. Continue weaving the fabric in this manner. Always pass the same color over the front and the other color around the back.



7. If you run out of fabric, you can add onto it by snipping a hole in the piece you wish to extend.



8. Take a new piece of fabric and poke it through the hole.



9. Now snip a hole in the new piece of fabric and pass the other end of this strip through it. Pull tight.



10. Continue weaving until you reach the end of your core pieces or until you get to your desired length. A good stopping point is 25-30 inches. Tie off the end and cut any excess fabric.

