

Chinese Staircase Instructions

Fig. 1



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Knot the two strands together on one end using an overhand knot, as shown. It may be helpful to tack the knot down to a project board or jeans, using a safety pin.

Fig. 2

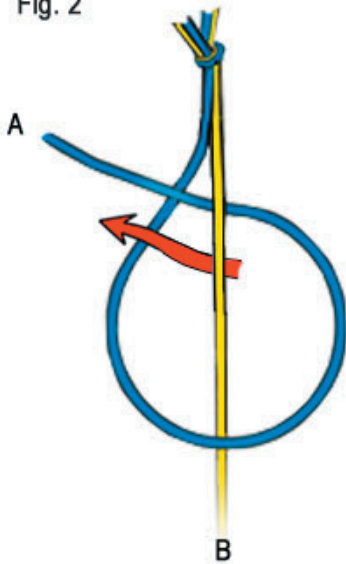


Fig. 2-

Keep strand B straight, while working with strand A. Wrap strand A around strand B, and then back over strand A. Seen here, strand A crosses OVER strand B, loops back and UNDER strand B, then crosses OVER strand A. Holding strand B straight, pull on strand A and tighten and slide the stitch right next to the knot.

Fig. 3

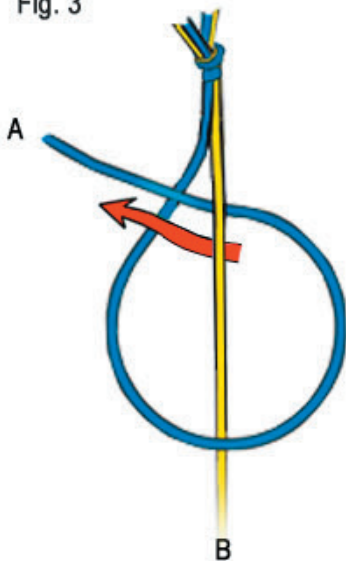


Fig. 3-

To create the spiral, repeat step 2 again, and again, always keeping strand B nice and straight. Cross strand A OVER strand B, loop back UNDER strand B, and cross OVER strand A.

Fig. 4



Fig. 4-

Continue step 2 until you want to switch colors and/or change directions of the spiral. Seen here, the spiral stitch is a couple of inches long.

Fig. 5

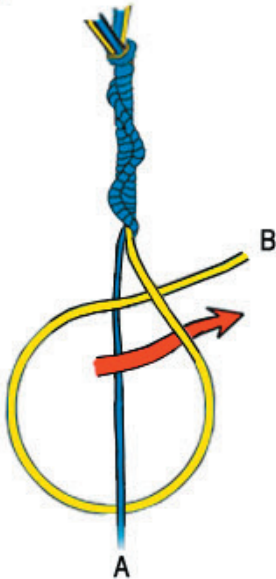


Fig. 5-

To change color and direction, keep strand A steady as you work with strand B. Cross strand B UNDER strand A, loop back and cross OVER strand A, then slip UNDER strand B.

Fig. 6



Fig. 6-

Continue working the stitch in step 5, until you've reach the desired length. You can advance on this stitch by added more strands of Rexlace, changing the colors as you go.

Finishing-

To finish off the Chinese Staircase stitch, you can tie a simple overhand knot. You may tie all the ends together by grasping all the strands together as one, or tie opposite colors together making several overhand knots.