Not Only Knots!

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Chinese Knots: Introduction

Background:
● Functional:
  ○ 70,000 - 100,000 years ago
  ○ for recording purposes
● Aesthetic:
  ○ The Warring States period (481-221 BCE): bronze vessels
  ○ The Western Han period (206 BCE-6 CE): silk paintings
  ○ The Northern Dynasties period (317-581 CE): Buddhist carvings
Chinese Knots: Materials

Materials:
- rattail nylon cord (2mm, 3mm) for Chinese knotting
- scissors
- pins
- super glue
- lighter
- needle/thread
- beads
Chinese Knots: Guidelines

○ Making/Weaving
  ■ direction, position, smoothness

○ Pulling/Tightening
  ■ most critical, from center outward

○ Fine Tuning/Adjusting
  ■ from center to edges
Chinese Knots: 14 Basic Knots
Loops: Double Connection Knot ~ 20 inches 雙聯結

Double Connection Knot (diagram)
Loops: Sauvastika/Virtue Knot: ~20 inches 卍字結

Sauvastika/Virtue Knot (diagram)
Loops: The Plafond Knot/Lanyard Knot ~20 inches 藻井結

藻井結by 一線生機

Plafond (diagram)
Square knot: Ascending Loop ~12 inches 攀緣結／一品結

Ascending Loop
(diagram)
Square knot: Flat/Portuguese Knot ~20 inches 平結

Solomon Bar by TIAT

Flat Knot (diagram)
Figure 8: The Double Coin Knot ~10 inches 雙錢結

Double Coin (diagram)
Figure 8: The Button Knot ~20 inches 鈕扣結

紐扣結 by Ms. Chen

Button Knot (diagram)
Figure 8: Pipa Knot ~25 inches 琵琶結

Pipa Knot by TIAT

Pipa Knot (diagram)
Wrapping: Cross/Ten Knot ~12 inches  十字結

Cross Knot (diagram)
Wrapping: Cloverleaf Knot ~12 inches 麬醬草結

Cloverleaf by TIAT

Cloverleaf knot (diagram)
Wrapping: Ribbon Knot ~30 inches 綬帶結

綬帶結 (Diagram in Chinese)
Folding: Good Luck Knot ~25 inches 吉祥結

Good Luck Knot (diagram)

吉祥結 by Ms. Chen
Advanced: Pan-Chang Knot ~ 30 inches 盤長結

Pan Chang Knot by TIAT (diagram)

Pan Chang (diagram)
Advanced: Flower/Petal Knot ~30 inches 團錦結

Flower Knot - Part 2
Flower knot - Part 3

團錦結 by Ms. Chen

Petal/Flower Knot (diagram)
Chinese Knots: Application

- Patient and attentive to details
- Artistic creation
  - Alone/Combinations
  - With beads or other decorations

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一线生机-杨朝宗专栏 at Zhongguojie.org
Chinese Knots: Review

Chinese knots 中国结技巧2 by Ms. Chen

- Double Combination Knot
- Snake Knot
- Flat Knot
- Good Luck Knot
- Phoenix Tail Knot
- Cross Knot

- Button Knot
- End Knot
- Cloverleaf Knot
- 8 strand Braid
- Double Coin Knot
- Whipping
- Pan Chang Knot
Chinese Knots: Other Online Resources

**Chinese Knotting**: background, knots tutorials, and more

**Chinese Knot Tutorial**: with basic knots tutorial in pictures

**ChineseKnots.net**: with basic knots tutorials in drawing

**More Chinese Knots**: instructions in Chinese

**Satincord.com**: with projects and cord tips (a bit unorganized)

**Chinese Knotting Home Page**: an encyclopedia of Chinese knotting
Chinese Knots: Q&A

Thank you for your interest.

Happy knotting!

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