

Braided coathangers



These instructions were shared by SusieQ on a crafting bulletin board.

Take 2 strips of material (let's say black and white) -- approximately 3 yards long EACH -- (I go from fingertip to chin 3 times)

Find the middle of the two strips and put them together as if making a cross -- this is the centre that goes on the tip of the coathanger. Put the tip of the coat hanger in the centre of the "cross". You now have four strips of material -- 2 white, 2 black.

Hint: I put the coathanger between my knees when I do these.

Put the 2 strips of one colour (black)-- on one side of the hanger - let's say RIGHT side of the hanger and the white strips are on the LEFT side.

Now look at the strips and place them between two fingers on each hand.

Look for the one that is the furthest away from others -- let's say BLACK -- RIGHT SIDE -- it is the first one to go down underneath the wire, through the two WHITE strips on the left side, OVER the wire and becomes the bottom BLACK strip on the right side.

Now take the first WHITE strip -- LEFT SIDE -- go under the wire, through the 2 BLACK strips on the right side, over the wire -- that becomes the bottom WHITE strip on the left.

Go back to the top BLACK strip and go under the wire, through the 2 white strips, over the wire and this one becomes the new BOTTOM black strip.

Go to the top WHITE strip and do the same thing -- and then this one becomes the new bottom white strip.

Continue "braiding" until you come to the neck of the wire -- where the two pieces separate -- just continue to braid separately.

Hint: when coming to the rounded corners it is easier to push the material (braid) up onto a flat piece of wire, braid until you have enough to go around the corner and straighten out the braid.

When you get all the way around -- go up the neck of the coathanger for a few braids and then tie off -- sometimes -- I actually sew the rest of the material into a flower. --

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