

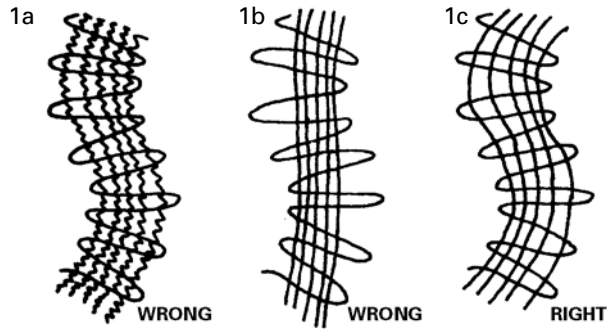


Snake

You will need 6 pairs of bobbins and DMC Coton Perlé 8 (or a thread of similar thickness) in colours that you like.

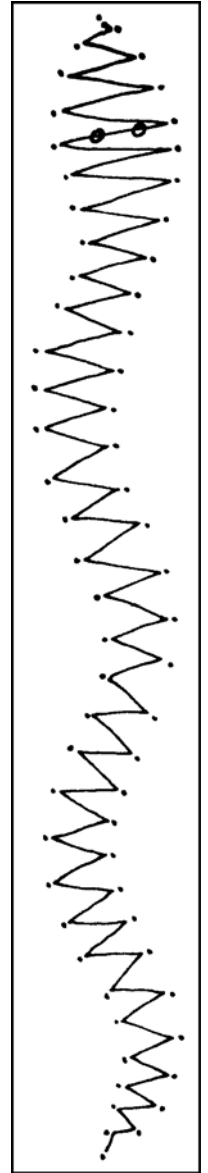
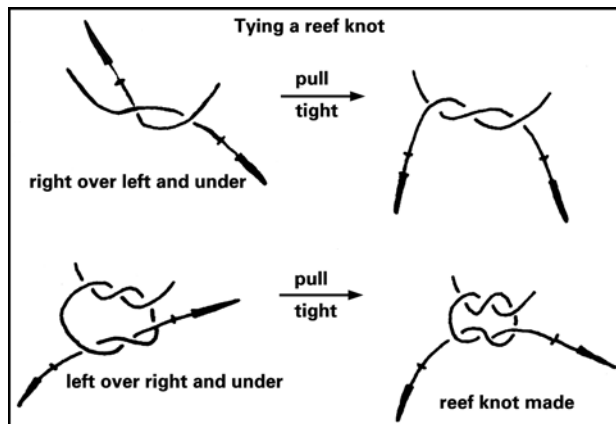
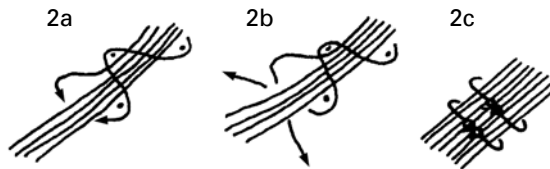
Cut about 300 cm for the worker pair and about 100 cm for the passive pairs. Hang them all on the top pin so the snake has a pointed "nose".

Put the worker pair on first and keep it to the left of the other pairs. Start by working to the right. Add beads for eyes (see instructions for friendship bracelet) on the second and fourth passives pairs where marked. When tensioning the passives at the end of each row try and make them follow the curve of the snake (1). In 1a the passive pairs are lumpy because they haven't been tensioned enough; in 1b the passive pairs don't follow the curve of the snake as they have been tensioned too much; in 1c the passive pairs are smooth and follow the curve of the snake.



Getting it right is difficult but the more lace you make the better you'll get at it.

When you get to the bottom of the snake take the worker pair and the passive pair at the opposite side (2a), cross them underneath all the passive threads (2b) and tie reef knots (see diagram below) with these two pairs over all the other threads (2c). Pull the knots firmly but gently — some threads will snap if you are rough with them.



Size check: The frame around the pricking should be 2.5 cm wide and 15.5 cm long