

## Thread, Yarn, String, Cord

There is a wide variety of material available to use in netting.

So you don't get too frustrated, make your first project out of a type of cord or yarn that is smooth (no textured yarns), thick enough to work with easily, but thin enough to be flexible. It should also have a fairly tight twist to it. You want it strong enough that you can pull on it without breaking it.

Once you know how to net, if the thread, yarn, cord, or rope will hold a knot securely, it can be used.

### Thread

Thread can range from fine sewing and tatting thread to crochet thread that is as thick as fine yarn.

Sizes in picture are listed below from thin to thick:

red	sewing thread
purple	pearle cotton size 12
pink	crochet cotton size 30
cream	crochet cotton size 20
green	crochet cotton size 10
brown	crochet cotton size 5
blue	crochet cotton size 3



### Yarn

Yarn can be as thick as bulky weight or as thin as lace weight. It can also include ribbon and eyelash yarns.

If the yarn will hold a knot securely, it can be used.



### String

Common household string comes in a variety of sizes from thin to medium to heavy. It is usually made of cotton.



## **Cord**

Cord can increase in size from as thin as lace-weight yarn to as thick as rope.

Nylon cord often does not hold a firm knot. The netting knot will form properly; then later it may open and slide around. It will not become completely undone because of the other knots around it, but it may create uneven meshes and a different look. By itself this is not bad, but things may fall through the mesh that otherwise would be held.

Cotton, linen, and hemp cords all hold the knots just fine. To test the cord, you can tie a knot in the string, pull it tight, and then see how easily it unties. This test often works, although sometimes the only way to see if the material will hold its knots is to make a small sample in diamond mesh and see.

### **Bonded Nylon Seine Twine**

This nylon had been treated to help it hold a knot. It comes in a variety of sizes from size 6 to size 96.



### **Cotton Cable Cord**

This cord comes in a variety of sizes. It has been tested to hold a certain amount of weight safely.



### **Parachute Cord**

There are several sizes of parachute cord. It is strong and holds the knots well.



### **Rope**

Rope comes in many sizes. Since it may be thick or stiff, it may be harder to make sure the knots are tight.



## Sources for Thread, Yarn, Cord, Rope

Your local yarn stores, hardware stores, or marine supply stores may carry what you want. If not, here are some online sites.

Company Name Link to Web-site	Supplies They Sell
Jann's Netcraft <a href="http://www.jannsnetcraft.com/net-making/">http://www.jannsnetcraft.com/net-making/</a>	bonded twine
Lacis <a href="http://lacis.com/">http://lacis.com/</a>	crochet thread, sewing thread, yarn
MSC Industrial Supply Co. <a href="http://www1.mscdirect.com/">http://www1.mscdirect.com/</a>	cotton cord from 1/8" to 3/8", rope
Cool Glow Stuff <a href="http://coolglowstuff.com/id12.html">http://coolglowstuff.com/id12.html</a>	glow-in-the-dark parachute cord 1/8" and 3/32"
Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft Stores <a href="http://www.joann.com/">http://www.joann.com/</a>	crochet thread, yarn
Hancock Fabrics <a href="http://www.hancockfabrics.com/">http://www.hancockfabrics.com/</a>	crochet thread, sewing thread, yarn