

HOW TO MAKE A CHINESE STAIRCASE AND WRAPPED HEADPHONES

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Tired of untangling your headphones?
Fix that with this easy-to-make (and stylish) solution!

GETTING STARTED

To start, you will need two (or three, or four!) colors of [Cool Cord floss](#) and a pair of headphones.

TO MAKE A CHINESE STAIRCASE

Making a Chinese Staircase is really easy! Simply start with floss (two or more colors), tie one end together and secure it (tape it to a table, use a clipboard, pin it to a couch, etc)

STEP ONE

Hold one color in one hand and the rest in your other hand. Cross one string over the others. It will be in the shape of a 4.

STEP TWO

Take the end of the string and pull it through to form a knot.



STEP THREE

Pull the knot tight. You may need to use your fingernails to make sure the knot is all the way at the top of the string. Repeat this process until you get your desired length.



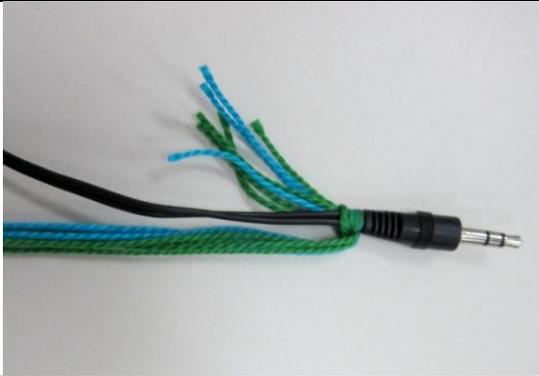
NOTE

Make sure you pull your strings consistently tight. Too tight (Figure 1) and your strings will bunch up. Too loose (Figure 2) and you'll see the colors underneath.



This is a section of completed Chinese Staircase!

To switch colors: Simply stop with the looping colors you're using and switch. This example is about 10 knots per color. You can go as long or short as you'd like.



TO WRAP YOUR HEADPHONES

STEP ONE

Cut the length of your floss to about double the length of your headphones. Tie the floss to the end of the earbuds. Use the same Chinese Staircase technique used to make a traditional bracelet.



STEP TWO

Use the headphones as a string in your Chinese Staircase, but don't loop the headphone wire around the other string. The goal is to cover the wire with the floss, hiding the wire completely. Once you reach the end of your headphones, tie off the ends of the string.

Now you can have fun making your own unique, stylish headphones!