

PAMA @ Home

Virtual Family Fun Activity

Celtic Knot Mobile

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Celtic Knot Mobile

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Celtic knot mobile that symbolises love and eternity. A mobile with no beginning and no end.



Materials:

- Paper template
- Scissors
- String
- Glue stick (optional)

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CELTIC KNOT FACTS

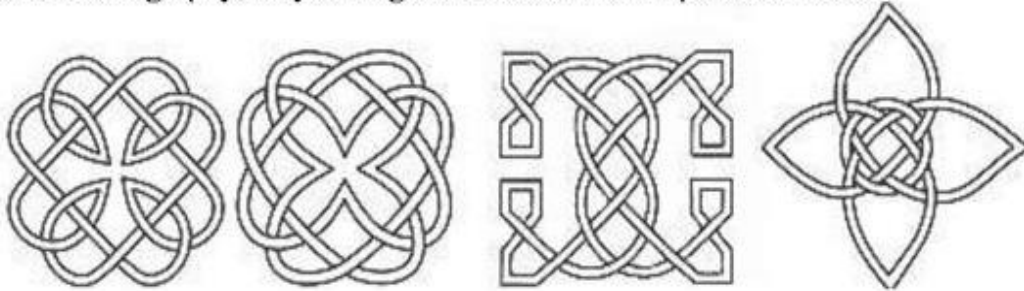
Celtic knots are perhaps the most notorious and recognizable artwork in Celtic history. They started appearing in history after about 450 AD . You will find Celtic knots everywhere from designer jewelry to tattoos worn by rock n' rollers to, of course, the original Book of Kells back in old Dublin. The knots are incredibly popular with followers of new age religions, magic societies and all sorts of other groups who want to draw an association with the oldest traditions of Ireland.



It's not clear that Celtic knot drawings were ever meant to symbolize anything. The Celts, who dominated the culture of pre-Christian Ireland, simply didn't place much importance on creating records to help future generations understand their symbols. However there are many hypotheses regarding the meaning of these symbols

What they might mean

Some historians think the Celts drew them because they were prohibited from drawing any other pictures. One of the more widely accept theories to explain Celtic knot meanings says that Celtic religion, like Islam, may have prohibited realistic depictions of living creatures. This rule, which gave rise to extraordinary Arabic calligraphy, may have given birth to the complex Irish knots.

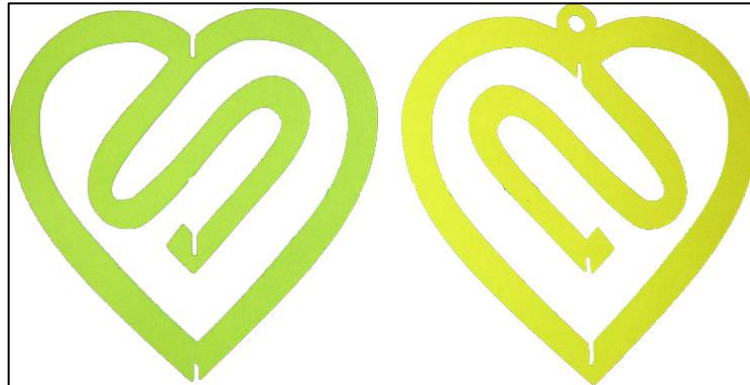


The Celtic knot symbol is also referred to as the mystic knot, or the endless knot. The m symbol alludes to beginnings and endings. In viewing these beautiful knots, we **cannot** see a beginning or an end

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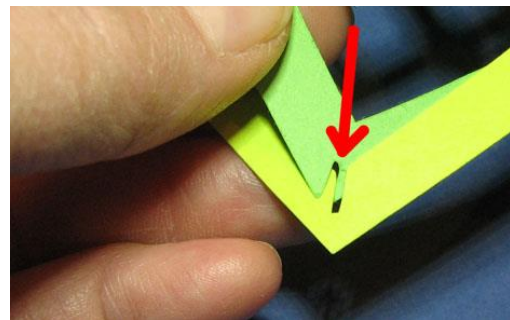
Step 1:

Print out your pattern template (page 6 of this document) and cut along the lines. If you have one, use a hole punch to punch a hole at the top.



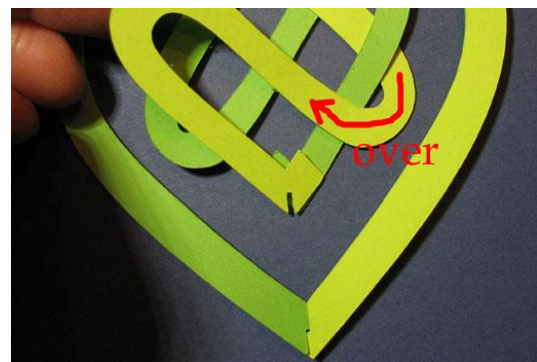
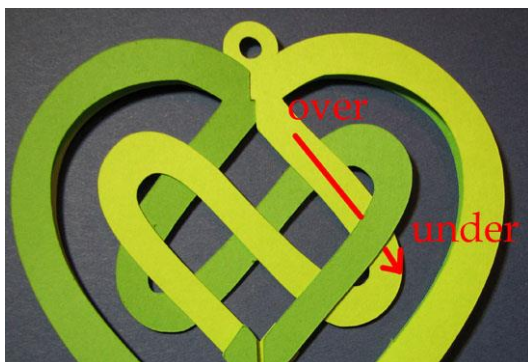
Step 2:

Slot together the bottom points of the two hearts



Step 3:

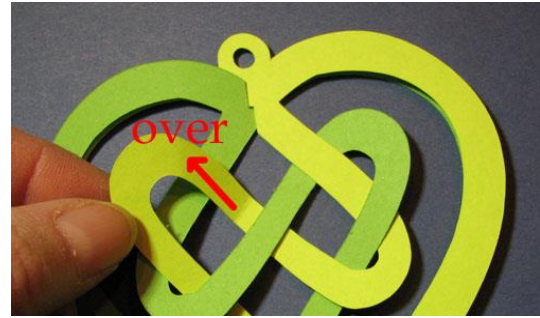
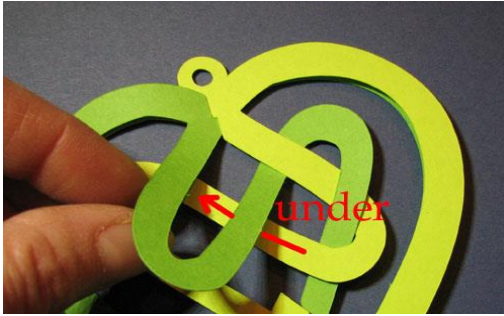
Weave together the center portion. Weave one of the knot loops over and under the other loop as shown. Pull the end out from underneath.



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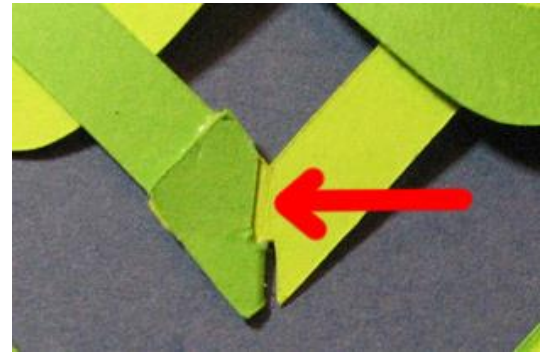
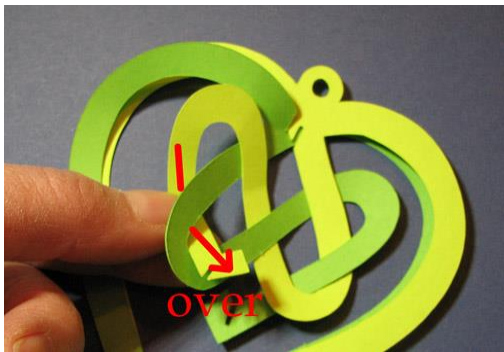
Step 4:

Stick the end up and through the last loop. Slot together the two knot loops at the bottom of the knot heart.



Step 5:

Push both tabs to one side and glue to make sure everything stays in place.



Step 6:

Open the heart, add string and it is ready to hang.



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