

Macramé

Macramé is an ancient craft that has been passed down over hundreds of years. It is thought to have originated with Arabic weavers during the 13th century, using decorative knots to finish the loose ends of hand-woven textiles. However, decorative knot-tying can also be traced back to third-century China on ceremonial textiles as well as wall hangings.

The craft slowly spread throughout Europe and eventually became a common pastime for Sailors. Sailors played a large role in sharing the art with new lands. Knots had many practical uses aboard their ships, but decorative knot-tying kept hands and minds occupied during long voyages. Furthermore, they would sell and barter their knotted goods such as hammocks, belts and hats at port.

Knot-tying remained a popular hobby and way to adorn clothing and textiles through the Victorian era, when it fell mostly out of favour until returning in the 70's.