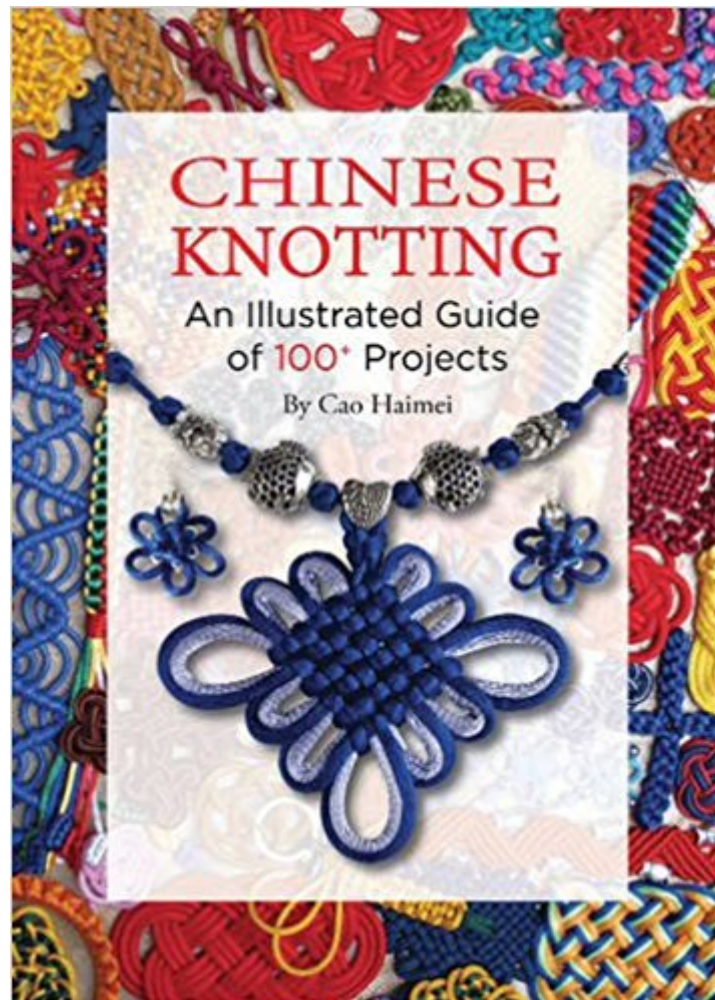




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# Chinese Knotting: An Illustrated Guide Of 100+ Projects



## Synopsis

From braided friendship bracelets to woven rainbow loom creations, kids and adults alike seem to enjoy the act of creating. From jewelry to decorative pieces such as cell phone charms, Chinese knotting is a fun and surprisingly simple art sure to delight people of all ages. *Chinese Knotting: An Illustrated Guide to 100+ Projects* is a beautiful volume that teaches the easy-to-learn elements of Chinese knotting—interlacing silk cords and other materials in a variety of ways. The art of Chinese knotting has a rich history dating back to prehistoric times. Over the centuries, Chinese knotting has continued to evolve and has been incorporated in fashion, jewelry, accessories, home decoration, contemporary art and other means of expression. Using this ancient technique in new and fresh ways has kept it vital even into the new century. Using step-by-step illustrations, this book introduces more than 100 types of Chinese knots. The tutorials will guide you through the creation of various knots and introduce their applications. You will gain an understanding of:

- Basic knots, such as double-coin knot, cloverleaf knot, endless knot and others
- Advanced knots that combine several basic knots, such as hydrangea knot, dharma-wheel knot and butterfly knot
- Practical projects, such as buttons, bookmarks and bracelets, etc.

Chinese auspicious culture and its traditional symbols, such as "Blessings in Four Seasons", "Happiness and Longevity" and "Good Things Come in Pairs"

History and use of Chinese knots

All you need is this book and a few simple materials to experience the fun of creating fabulous Chinese knots with your own two hands!

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## Customer Reviews

Born in Beijing in 1967, Cao Haimei is an instructor at the Art and Design College at Beijing University of Technology. She is also a member of the China Arts and Crafts Association, China Fashion Association, and China Female Artists Association. Starting at the age of nine, Cao studied gongbi (from the Chinese word for "meticulous") painting under Mr. Pan Jiezi, and was deeply influenced by Chinese traditional arts. After graduating from the College of Fine Arts at Capital Normal University, she continued her studies at the Graduate School of the Chinese National Academy of Arts. She also traveled to Bonn, Germany, to study visual design. With significant experience in creative design, Cao has lectured on Chinese knotting since 1993. She has also engaged in arts and design production as well as educational research.

While I regret for not getting the Chinese version, English version is easier for my children to understand the traditional Chinese knotting. For people that is short of knowledge of ancient civilization, Chinese Knotting long exists before any written characters appeared in human written history. Ancient Chinese used knotting to record events, simple as that. Over the course of centuries, it continues to evolve and serve different purposes. Please do not assume it's "religion" specific, because it's not. However, it indeed is "regional" specific, popular in far eastern Asian - China, Korea and Japan.

I am all ready thinking about the many things I can create with the many beautiful knots

My teen daughter loved this book and has done several of the projects and plans to do more. They turned out very nice and she's had no trouble with the instructions.

Arrived 5/6 in excellent condition!

very well and clearly illustrated. easy instructions

Easy to follow!

This is a great book that beautifully shows the many basic Chinese knots, from beginner to advanced. There are also a few combination knots and other techniques to enhance the knots. The steps to create each knot are clearly described with photos and text. Each knot is also shown as a

finished ornament or jewelry, to give you ideas on how to use the knots. Some of the more complex knots are too difficult to produce just by hand and the steps are shown with pins on a board, but I've been using the Hana-Ami flower loom by Clover. For the best selection of different knotting cords, check out [satincord.com](http://satincord.com), (their 3mm USA/rayon and China/nylon are my favorites). For those who are or become knotting enthusiasts, these basic knots will keep you busy for a long while and will prepare you for the most complex knotted designs This is perfect for the serious crafter!

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