



winter berry
WINTER FAIRE
JUMP ROPES

ABOUT JUMP ROPES

Each jump rope is 14' long and contains 36 strands of yarn. (168 yards of yarn)
 For 42 jump ropes, prep 126 bundles prior Winter Faire. (7,056 yards of yarn)

1 STRAND
 of yarn stretched
 14' long

ONE 14' jump rope = 504 feet/168 yards of yarn.
 42 jump ropes = 21,168 feet/7,056 yards of yarn.

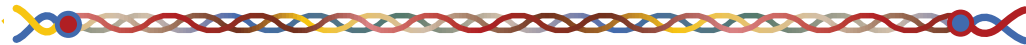
1 BUNDLE =
3 strands
(168 feet of yarn)

Secure ends of 3 strands and stretch 14' across between two chairs.
 Loop around the chairs to repeat for a total of 4 times.
 End result: A bundle 12 strands thick, with 6 loops on one end.
 4 loops and 2 ends on the other end. Daisy chain to consolidate.
 Make 126 bundles prior to faire.

1 PREPPED
 JUMP ROPE =
 3 bundles
 (504 feet of yarn)

Stretch 3 bundles between the hooks of the crank box.

1 TWISTED
 JUMP ROPE
 (504 feet with
 knots and ends)



Place paddle separator at traveler hook end. Crank to twist.
 Slowly walk the paddle toward the winder hooks. Knot ends. Cut.

SUPPLIES

- Yarn: Depending on the skein's yardage, between 60-80 skeins of value yarn (such as Red Heart Super Saver yarn) at least of 7,056 yards plus extra to account for stray ends.
- Scissors
- Two armless chairs
- Two jump rope making kits

PEOPLE

- Four adults: For each kit, one adult operates the crank that winds the traveler hook. And one adult manages the paddle.
- Two children: For each kit, a child operates the crank to turn the winding hooks.

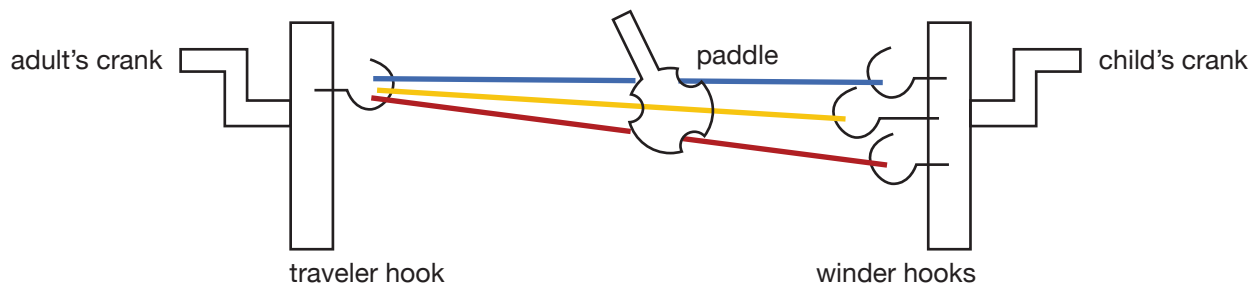
MAKE 126 YARN BUNDLES

Suggested mental prep: Pour fave beverage of choice and cue podcast. One jump rope requires three bundles. This took 12 hours for two people.

1. Place two armless chairs 14 ft' apart.
2. Secure three strands/bundle of yarn to one chair.
3. Stretch across and wrap around the back of the other chair.
4. Repeat for a total of four lengths. You should now have a bundle 12 strands thick with 6 loops on one side, 4 loops and two yarn-ends on the other side.
5. Cut. Daisy chain each bundle to consolidate.



TWIST 42 JUMP ROPES



Make two ropes simultaneously. Winterberry owns two jump rope making kits (thanks Rick Petter). Each kit requires two adult volunteers and a child jump rope maker. A jump rope takes 5-7 minutes to complete.

SET UP

1. Child chooses 3 Bundles.
2. Secure the looped ends of bundles to the winder hooks. Walk backward to release the daisy chain and stretch and secure all bundles to the opposite traveler hook with one knot. Make sure all 3 bundles have an equal amount of tension before tying knot. Secure knot onto traveler hook and cut off excess yarn. At this point, you will need another adult to hold the traveler hook crank. (Or a waiting child can help.)
3. Insert the paddle between the bundles near the traveler hook. (The paddle will eventually move from the adult's crank to the child's crank.)

CRANK

4. The child turns the crank (always in the same direction). The traveler hook does not crank yet. The person at the traveler hook simply keeps tension on the ropes.

5. Keep the bundles separated and encourage the child, allowing them to rest if needed.
6. As the child turns the crank, the 3 bundles will tighten becoming hard and taught to the touch but not to the point of kinking.
7. If a kink forms the ropes are too tight. The ropes must be loosened. The child should crank in the opposite direction until the kink is released.

COMBINE

8. The 3 ropes are now ready to combine together. The child continues to crank. The adult cranks the traveler hook at the same pace, mirroring the child's direction. Walk the paddle toward the winder hooks as the ropes combine behind it. Remind the adult holding the traveler hook to keep tension on the ropes while cranking.
9. When the paddle reaches the winder hooks, the child stops cranking. Pinch the rope tightly and cut from the winder hooks. Tie a knot in this end and trim excess yarn.
10. Re-tie the knot at the traveler's hook end and trim excess yarn. Jump rope is 14' long.