



Cobra Weave Drag Leash

SUPPLIES:

- Swivel Snap Hook with 1 inch wide ring
- 550 lb. paracord - 2 pieces
- Lighter
- Pliers
- Tape, suction cup hook, or clipboard (Optional. Helps to stabilize work)

This guide will teach you how to make a drag leash using a cobra weave pattern.

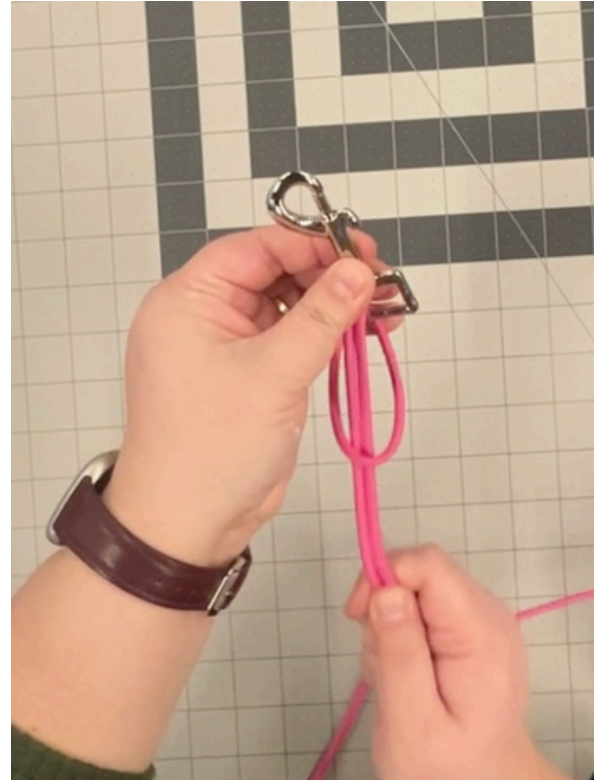
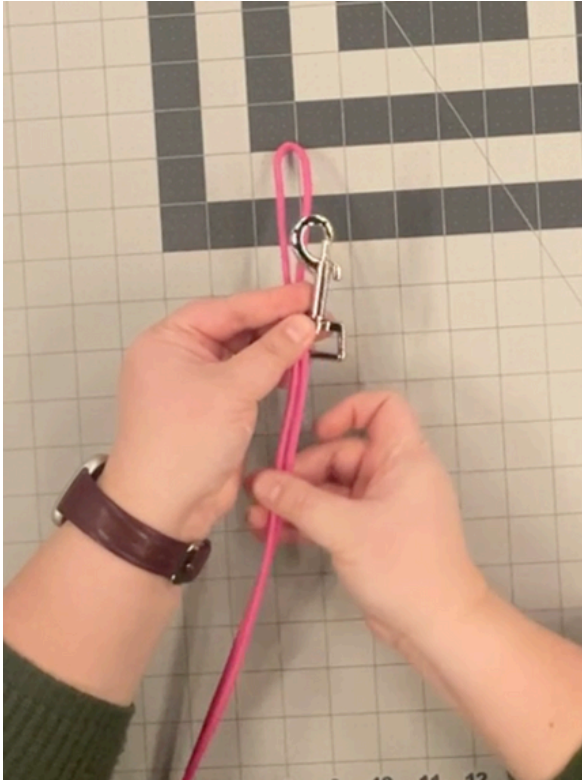
Drag leashes are a tool used by some animal rescue organizations and trainers to help familiarize dogs with the feel of a leash. A drag leash is different from a typical leash because it doesn't have a loop or handle to catch on legs or other body parts. Drag leashes are not intended to be used as a leash for regular walking.

For this project it is recommended you use two pieces of paracord cut to 7.5 inches for every 1 inch of braid you want to make plus the intended drag leash length in inches. The chart below will help you determine how long the cords should be.

After cutting the paracord, use a lighter to melt the ends of the cord and press with pliers to prevent fraying.

<u>LEASH LENGTH</u>	<u>PARACORD NEEDED (2 PIECES)</u>
2.5 FOOT (30 INCHES)	225 INCHES
3 FOOT (36 INCHES)	275 INCHES
4 FOOT (48 INCHES)	360 INCHES

STEP ONE



From one end of the paracord, measure the intended length of your drag leash, in inches, plus 6 inches (ex. 36 inches (3 foot leash) + 6 inches = 46 inches from one end). Fold your cord in half at this point to create a loop.

Feed the loop through the swivel ring, from front to back, and fold it over. Make sure the shorter end of the paracord is in the middle of the ring.

Feed the ends of the paracord through the loop and pull the ends to tighten the loop around the paracord, creating a larks head knot. Slide the knot to the left side of the swivel ring.

Repeat the process with the second piece of paracord, making sure the second knot is to the right of the first knot.

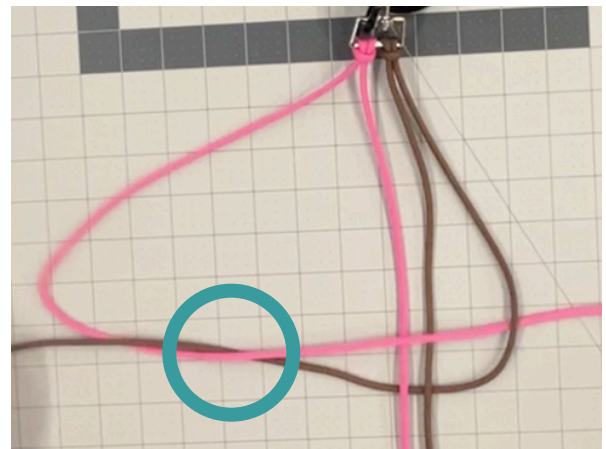
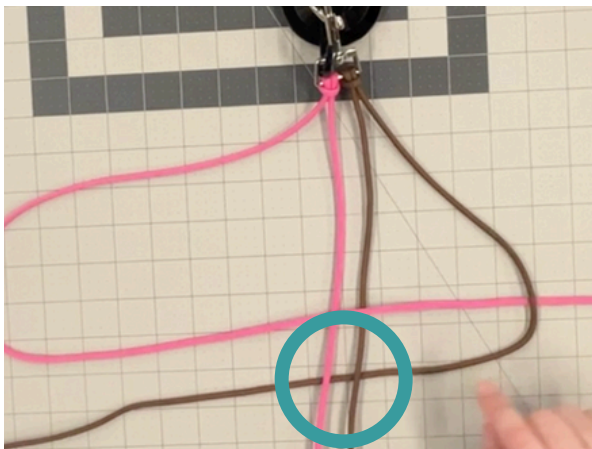
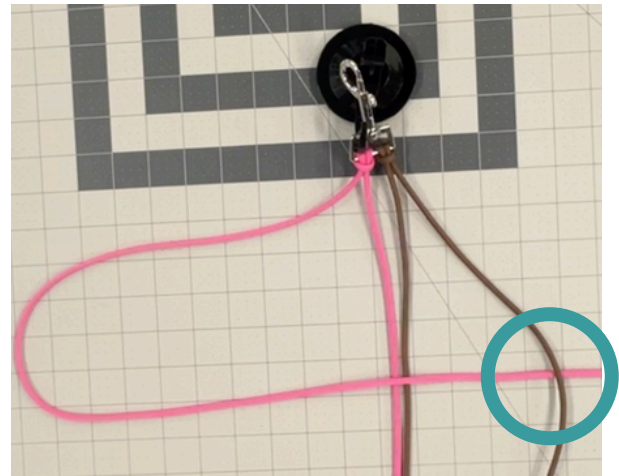
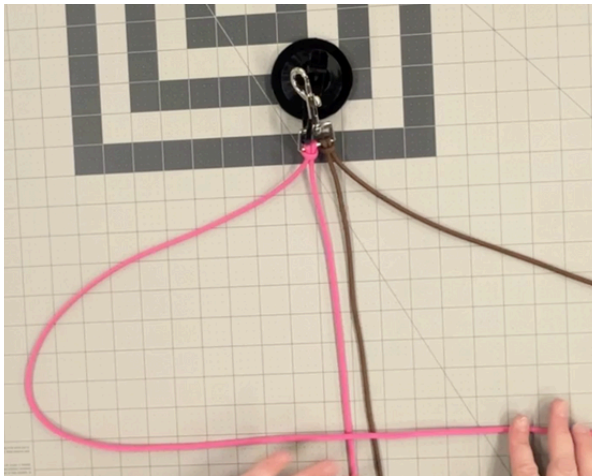
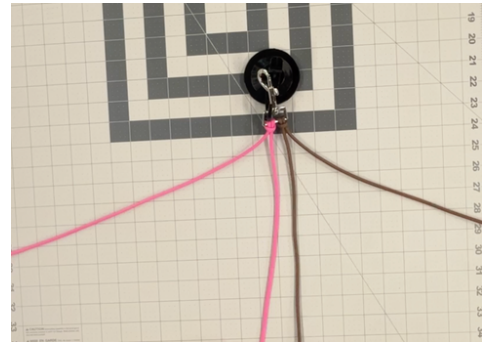
You should now have two knots and four strands of paracord on the swivel with the shorter strands in the center.



STEP TWO

Position the cords as seen in the picture to the right. You can use masking tape, a suction cup hook, clipboard or some other item to anchor the swivel hook in place.

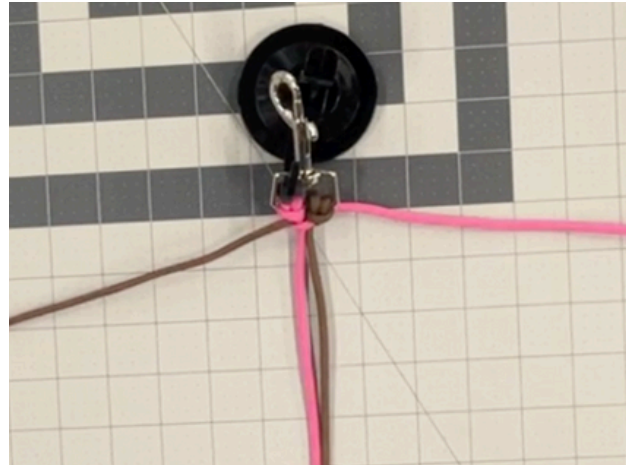
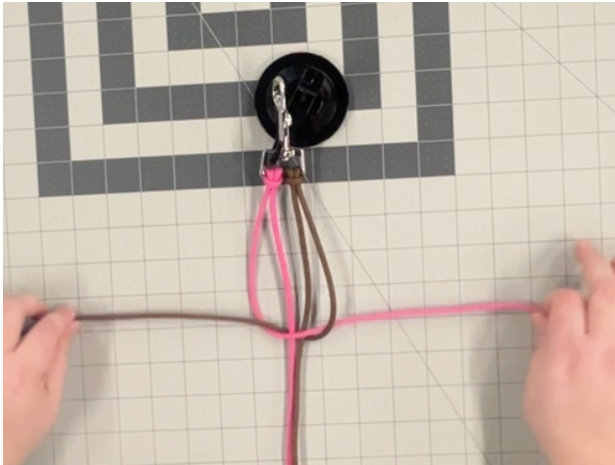
REMINDER: The two center cords should be the shorter pieces.



You will always begin with the color that matches the left-center strand. Cross the left strand **over** the center strands **to the right**, similar to a figure four. Then bring the right strand **over** the strand that came across, **under** the center strands and **up through** the loop created by the figure four.

Using the example above, pink, crosses **over** the center cords to the right. Brown goes **over** pink then to the left **under** the **center pink and brown** cords and **up through** the loop created by the crossing pink cord.

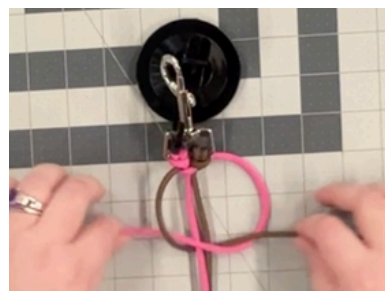
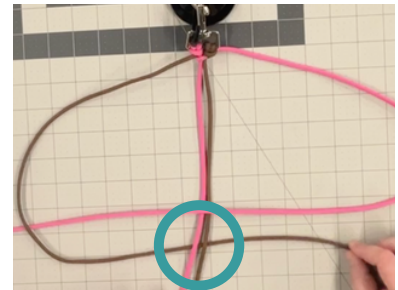
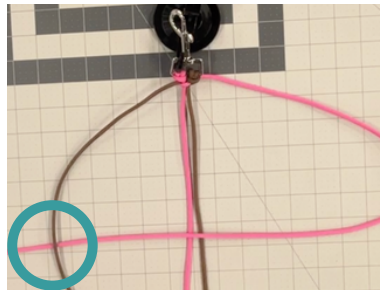
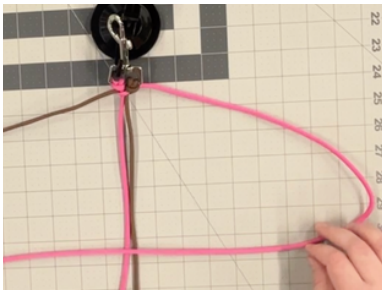
STEP TWO (cont.)



The outer left and right cords have swapped places. Pull each outer cord tight and guide the resulting knot up the center cords to sit below and tight against the knots above.

NOTE: As you tighten the knot, the **outer cords** may twist or curl and the **center cords** may be pulled up by the outer cords. Pause for a moment to lightly untwist the outer cords and pull the center cords straight.

STEP THREE



Remember to begin with the cord that matches the color of the left-center cord.

Repeat step three, working from right to left this time. Cross the right strand **over** the center strands **to the left**, making a backward figure four. Then bring the left strand **over** the strand that came across, **under** the center strands and **up through** the loop created by the backwards figure four. Pull the outer cords tight.

FINISHING

Repeat steps 2 and 3, working back and forth, until there is approximately six inches of unwrapped center cords. To finish the leash, wrap and knot an outer cord around the other three cords. Trim the cords close to the knot, then use a lighter to melt the end of the cords. Press pliers against the melted edges to press them flat and secure the ends.



If you would like to see the process in motion, check out these videos.



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