

How To Guide - Jump Rope Graduation Cord

Make a jump rope cord for your graduating seniors!

We love jump rope and are proud jumpers of our collegiate jump rope team. So we (Virginia Tech) started making jump rope cords for our graduating seniors to wear during their graduation that also blend in well with their other cords!

Below is a step-by-step guide on how to make them, using rope, beads, and tassels.

Materials Needed

- 1-inch beads (beads typically used for beaded individual single ropes)
- Rope (we have a spool of rope we use to make ropes that we also use to make the cords, but any rope will work)
- Tassels (this can be bulk bought off Amazon)

Step 1 - Rope

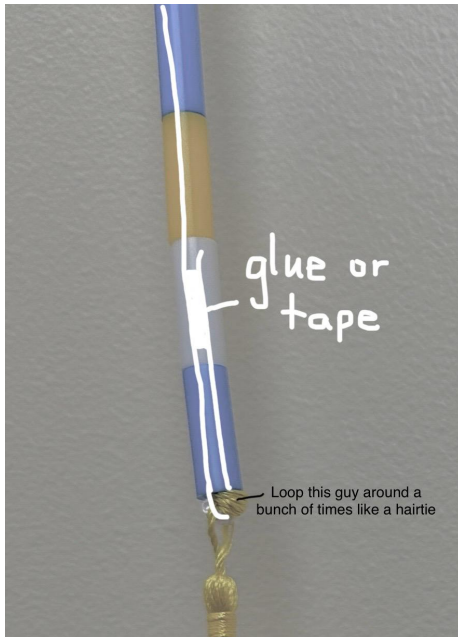
- Measure out the length of your rope
 - If you have a cord, use that one for reference
 - If you don't have a cord, just guess by putting it around yourself and hoping for the best 😊 (cord lengths are typically 68 inches including the tassel)
- **Note:** Definitely make the rope longer rather than shorter because it will be used to secure the tassel later

Step 2 - Beads

- Put the beads on the rope
 - Pick a pattern!
 - We typically pick 3-4 colors but the decision is up to you!
- **Note:** Leave an adequate amount of space at the end for incorporating the tassel and tucking away the excess rope

Step 3 - Tassels

- Putting the tassels on
 - This can be done however you like, but the following instructions have worked best for the different times we have made the cords



- Use the tassel and loop it a bunch around the excess rope such that there is not that much slack between the top of the tassel and the rope
- With the excess rope, stick it back through the beads to ensure the tassel does not come undone (top right image)
 - With this, the beads should not fall off. But you can also tie a knot where the top of the tassel is before sticking the excess rope through.
- Then using tape or glue, secure the tip of the excess rope and tuck it back under the beads (bottom two images)

Step 4 - Congratulating your Seniors!

- And that's all!
 - We like to give the seniors their cords during their last show or practice of the semester. We write up a few words when giving them their cord to send them off to do great things!

