



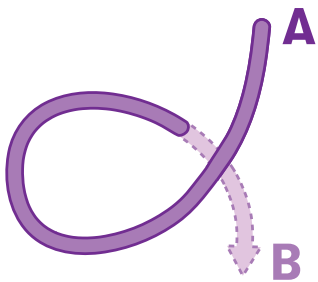
Cultures around the world have developed knots for many uses.

For example, the Inca people used knotted cords called Quipu for collecting data, keeping calendars, and even military organization. In Japan, knots are used in celebrations, food prep, and garments. Elaborate paper Mizuhiki ones, such as the examples below, are tied to mark important life events.

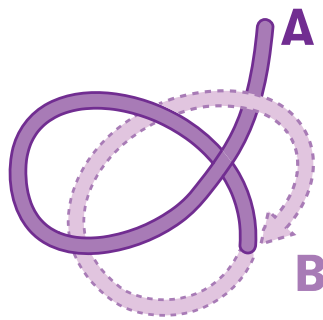
Try tying some! Place your algae string on top of the images below and follow the arrows.

Awaji Knot

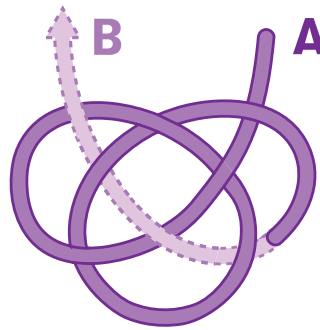
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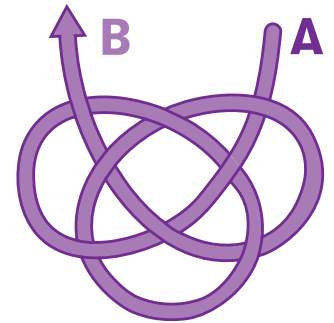
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The Awaji knot is a symbol of affection or togetherness.

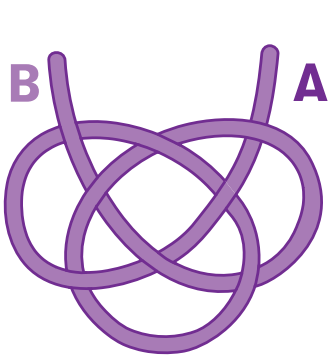
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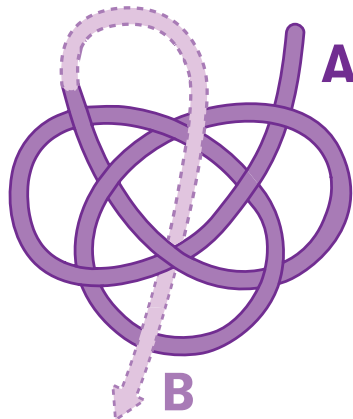
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Ume Knot

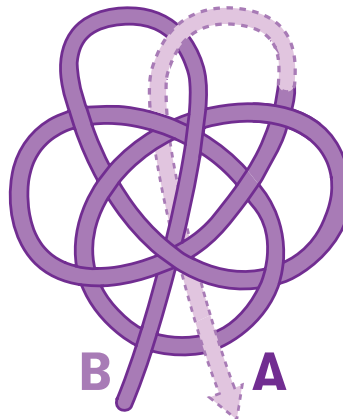
1 Start with the Awaji knot.



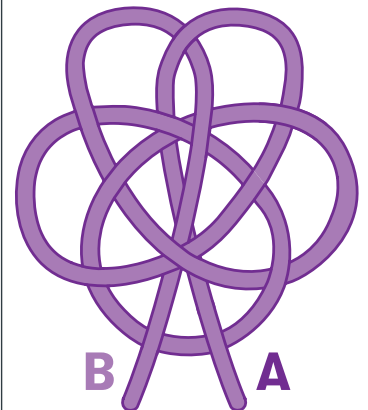
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The Ume (plum blossom) knot is often used in weddings as it does not unravel easily.