Not Just Knots Capstone Project Knot Clock

Skill level: advanced

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Once you have mastered tying the different knots in *Not Just Knots*, consider displaying them as the hours of a clock.

This challenging project involves using a clock kit as the center piece. You determine the type of cordage, the size and shape of each knot, and the size and shape of the clock face. Each individual knot represents a specific hour. (How about using the figure eight knot at the eight o'clock position?)

This inexpensive knot timepiece makes a great gift that will be useful for years to come.



Materials

Clock kit (available in many styles at hobby stores, specialty stores, and online)

Background material such as a wood, plywood, or heavy foam board (maximum ¼" thick)

Enough cordage for twelve knots, one for each hour on the clock

Tools

Scissors

Glue

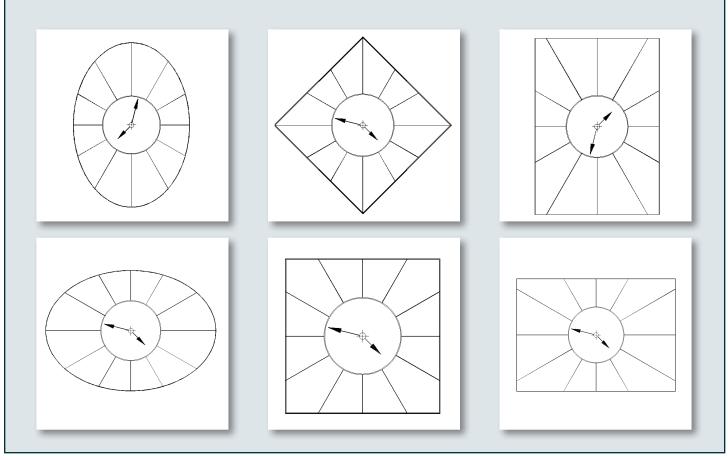
What to Do

Clock Knots

Any twelve knots work on this project, although to demonstrate your skills you should consider as many different knots as possible. Also, select knots and cordage that are not too bulky.

Clock Shape

Make your board large enough to accommodate the clock in the center and the knots displayed around it. Here are some examples:



Background and Color

Present your knots in the best possible way by selecting a background that contrasts with the cordage. Light colored cordage is best presented against a dark colored background. Dark colored cordage is best presented against a subdued, light colored background. Natural fiber cordage on a natural color surface offers the least visual distinct difference.

Good luck!