Using the Kreinik Custom Corder™

All you need to get started is the Kreinik Custom Corder<sup>™</sup>, one or more Kreinik Metallic or Silk Threads, a pillow, ornament, stocking, greeting card, or a really cool idea.



*Step 1:* Tie your thread into a loop. Connect the thread to the corder with the knot positioned at the corder hook. Secure the other end to a stationary object, or invite a friend to help.

*Step 2*: Begin winding the thread using the custom corder. To determine when it's time to twist your threads, perform a "kink test". Take the end connected to your corder and the opposite end and move the two ends together slowly. If the thread begins to "kink" and twist together, it's ready.



NOTE: Keep your trim under constant tension.

*Step 3*: Place the custom corder in the center of your trim using the corder hook. While keeping constant tension, bring the two ends of thread together, and give the corder a slight tug. Release the corder and allow the corder to spin freely.

*Step 4:* Remove the custom corder and tie a knot at the loose ends. Your trim is now ready to be used on your project.

How Much Thread Do I Need? The ratio of starting thread to finished trim is 3:1. Thus, if you start with a 48" length of thread, you will finish with a 16" twisted trim.

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## **Different Looks**

Making different types of cording is simple. It all depends on how you arrange your threads. Here are some popular cording designs:

# Candy Cane Type Cording

To achieve a "candy cane effect", use two different colors of thread. Tie one thread into a loop. Feed a second thread through that loop and tie its ends, thus forming two interlocked loops as shown in the picture below. Now follow the cording instructions.



#### Herringbone Type Cording

For this style, simply use two or more threads together so that the threads are parallel to one another and tie them together at each end. Then follow the cording instructions.



## Four-Color Candy Cane Type Cording

Want to make four-color cords? For your first two colors, use the steps described for the candy cane cording process. After twisting together the first two interlocked colors, drape the third thread around the center of your twisted threads. Tie the new thread's ends together.

(NOTE: You may need help with this as you will need to keep these threads under constant tension once you disconnect the custom corder to twist the next thread you add. A helpful suggestion: Use suction cup picture hooks.)

Use your custom corder to twist the third thread until it starts to kink. Drape a fourth thread over the intersection of the twisted threads and knot the threads ends together into a loop. Once again twist this thread together using the custom corder until the thread starts to "kink".

You are now ready to complete the cording process by placing the customer corder at the point where all four colors intersect. Gather all four color ends and allow the corder to spin freely.



# How will you use your Kreinik Custom Corder?

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