

# Plaited Keyring

A keyring is made to hold all your keys together. But they also make great decorations for your school bag and pencil case!

## What you need:

- Keyring
- Ribbon, wool, thread, strips of fabric, anything to make the plait with

## What to do:

1. Decide how long you would like your finished keyring to be and cut the length of ribbon double that amount. I want my finished keyring to be 15cm long so I cut my ribbon and wool 30cm long.
2. Secure the keyring to something so it doesn't move while you plait. I used sticky tape to tape mine to the table.
3. Gather all your ribbons at one end and tie to the keyring. Make the knot very tight.



4. Now to start the plait. You need three ribbons to make a plait. I wanted mine to be thick so I used 9 pieces of ribbon and wool and divided them into three, one lot was blue, green then the yellow and brown together. Bring the left ribbon across the middle ribbon so the left is now in the middle. So in this picture I moved the blue ribbon/wool across the green and now blue is in the middle and green on the left.



5. Move the right ribbon across the middle ribbon. So I moved the brown across the blue and now brown is in the middle and blue on the right. This is the first part of the plait! To continue just repeat what you have already done. Move the left ribbon to the middle. So the green is moved across the brown. Now green is in the middle and brown on the left.



6. Move the right across to the middle. So the blue is crossed over the green. Now blue is in the middle and green on the right side. You have just finished the second plait. Keep repeating this until the plait is as long as you like. If you are struggling then research online 'how to plait' and find some instructions or a video online. Leave enough ribbon at the end so you can tie a double knot.



7. When you get the hang of plaiting see what else you can do! I wanted to try a thicker plait so here I used 18 pieces divided into 3 sections. When I finished the plait I tied the end to the keyring so it looped around. Show us what you have made on the [Kids Club Online Gallery!](#)

