



NANTUCKET KNOTWORKS

Preserving the Art of Sailors' Knotwork Since 1987

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NEW FOR 2015

**Nantucket
Neons**



2015 Retail Catalog



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OUR BRACELETS



Authentic 2-Strand Bracelets
available in Natural, Navy Blue, Army Green,
Pink, Orange, and Nantucket Red™



**“Original” Racing Stripes (L) and
“Lite” Racing Stripes (R)**



Authentic 3-Strand Bracelets
available in Natural, Navy Blue, Army Green,
Pink, and Nantucket Red™



“Lite” Patriot and “Original” Patriot



“Original” Racing Stripe Bracelet
Cotton with Nylon Stripe
See page 2 for available colors



“Lite” Racing Stripes Bracelet
Nylon with Natural Cotton Stripe

NANTUCKET KNOTWORKS' AUTHENTIC ROPE BRACELETS



AUTHENTIC 2-STRAND NANTUCKET KNOTWORKS' ROPE BRACELET

Nantucket Knotworks' authentic rope bracelets are "the real thing." Depending on where you live, they are known as sailors' bracelets (because sailors used them to wipe their brows while swabbing decks), friendship bracelets (because sailors would make them at sea and bring them home to sweethearts), and surfers' bracelets (for reasons which would appear to be obvious).

While others have tried to copy our work over the years, people who buy our bracelets prefer quality that lasts. You may be sure that we use only the finest 100% cotton line, custom made to our specifications. Following tradition, our bracelets shrink to wrist size after swimming or bathing. They are available in four sizes, sure to fit at least 95% of the human race.

Sizing:

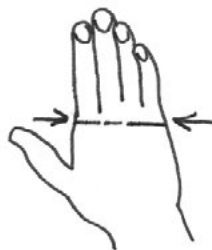
Small: Children 5 and younger

Medium: Children over 5, teens, and women with smaller hands

Large: Older teens, boys, average men and larger women

XL: Big guys

Not sure what size you need? Check our sizing guide.



Rope Bracelet Sizing

Measure the length across the center of knuckles as shown in the picture at the left.

If the length is:
2 inches or less
3 inches to 3 ½
3 ½ to 4 inches
4 ½ to 5 inches

Bracelet size is:
small
medium
large
extra large

Colors available as shown: Natural, Navy Blue, Nantucket Red™, Pink, Orange, and Green

All bracelet colors and sizes are available from our friends at:
The Sunken Ship, 1856 Country Store, and Boca Grande Outfitters

Natural bracelets in all sizes are available from our special friend, Loren Brock, who owns
The Toy Boat on Nantucket's Straight Wharf.

Loren has sold our bracelets for over 20 years to children (and their parents) as they arrive on the ferry "from America."
It's a multi-generational thing...

NANTUCKET KNOTWORKS' AUTHENTIC ROPE BRACELETS

PATRIOT "LITE" & PATRIOT "ORIGINAL" BRACELET



This Knotworks original, introduced in 2010, was supposed to be a one year featured item. That's changed. Due to continuing and growing demand, the Patriot remains available for 2013. We now offer a "lite" version as well. Its stripes of red, white, and blue are blended into a unique bracelet for July 4th and other occasions which call for a display of patriotic pride.

PATRIOT "LITE" Available in Small, Medium and Large exclusively from **The Sunken Ship**.

PATRIOT "ORIGINAL" Available in Small, Medium, Large and X-Large exclusively from **The Sunken Ship**

AUTHENTIC 3-STRAND BRACELET

Available in Small, Medium, Large and X-Large, in Natural, Navy Blue, Nantucket Red™, Pink, and Green exclusively from **The Sunken Ship**.



Authentic 3-Strand Bracelets
available in Natural, Navy Blue, Army Green,
Pale Pink, and Nantucket Red™



**"Original" Racing Stripes (L) and
"Lite" Racing Stripes (R)**

RACING STRIPE "ORIGINAL" & "LITE" BRACELETS

We have been making these eye-catching bracelets for over a decade. I was amazed to see a boy wearing three of them at once. It appeared that he had gotten a new one for each visit to Nantucket. They combine our authentic cotton bracelet with a colorful nylon accent, as seen on page 2 in the following colors:

Navy Blue, Red, Royal Blue, Pale Pink, Hot Pink, Orange, Yellow, Purple, Teal, Forest Green, Kelly Green, and Black.

Racing Stripe "Original" available in Small, Medium, Large and X-Large

Racing Stripe "Lite" available in Small, Medium and Large

They are available from **The Sunken Ship**.

NAUTICAL ACCESSORIES & GEAR



Islander Ankle Band

THE ISLANDER ANKLE AND WRIST BAND

It's hard to recall how many people have asked us to make a rope bracelet for their ankle. Well, I finally decided to make this uniquely Knotworks Islander Ankle Band. It is 100% cotton, the same knot as our authentic Nantucket Rope Bracelet, but very thin (3/8") and light. These bands are tied in several colors with contrasting whippings. They have a loop and a Matthew Walker knob knot to make it easy to put it on and take it off. But then, of course, as soon as we introduced the ankle band, customers wanted a wrist band; so we're making those now, as well...what I wear...but it seems that it never gets taken off.

Wrist and Ankle Bands are available in Natural, Navy Blue, Nantucket Red™, Pink, Orange, and Army Green. Whipping colors contrast nicely with the color of the ankle or wrist band. One size fits most. Like our other cotton products, these tighten up with water and wear for a comfortable and attractive fit around wrist or ankle.



Islander Wrist Band



Available from
The Sunken Ship and Boca Grande Outfitters

PATRIOT & RACING STRIPE WRIST & ANKLE BANDS



Available from **The Sunken Ship**

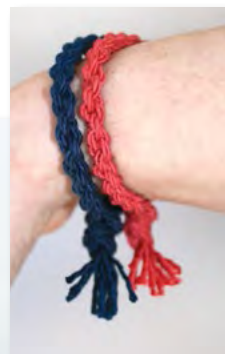
- Red & White Racing Strip
- Patriot
- Navy & White Racing Strip
- Pink & White Racing Strip

NAUTICAL ACCESSORIES & GEAR

SAILOR'S NECKLET, ANKLET AND WRISTLET

Kids and teens love these. They are 100% cotton and come in Natural, Navy Blue, Pale Pink, Army Green, Nantucket Red™ and Orange. Just twist open the loop and secure it around either one of the two knots to adjust the size.

Available from
The Sunken Ship and
1856 Country Store



NEW FOR 2015



Nantucket Neon Anklets

NANTUCKET NEONS

Back for an encore of sorts is the Solomon's Bar knot bracelet I used to make, but then only in white.

I am bringing back that bracelet because my cordage company can now make the line for me in cheerful "neon" colors, thus the name, "Nantucket Neons."

These are available this year in several colors in medium and large wristlets and an anklet. The line used for the large bracelet is 1 mm larger than the medium, making it a little wider. The anklet is made of the same line as the narrower medium wristlet.

Other sizes (Small and XL) are available on request.

The medium bracelet fits wrists up to 6.25"

The large bracelet fits wrists up to 7"

The anklet is one size and is about 9.25"

Nantucket Neon Wristlets

Available from
The Sunken Ship

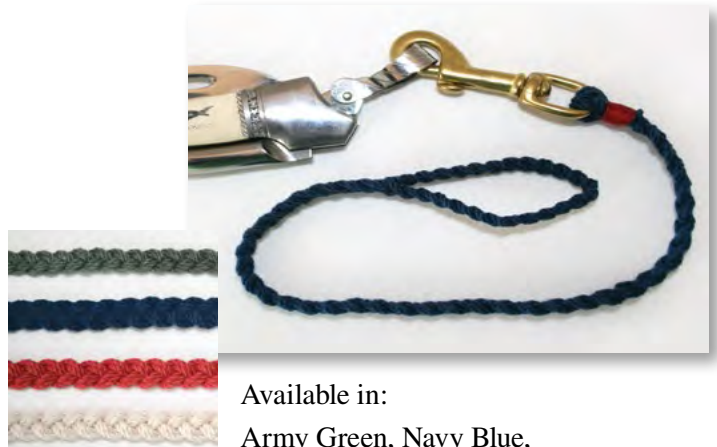


NAUTICAL ACCESSORIES & GEAR

NANTUCKET KNOTWORKS’ “GADGET” LANYARD

Sailors working aloft would fret about losing a knife or marlinspike overboard. Our lanyard now has applications that would have bewildered early mariners. It is 17” long with a brass swivel snap, useful for knives, keys, or today’s growing assortment of gadgets.

Available from
The Sunken Ship



Available in:
Army Green, Navy Blue,
Nantucket Red™, and Natural



NANTUCKET KNOTWORKS’ LEATHER LANYARD

This leather version of the “Gadget” Lanyard is 14.5” long with a brass swivel snap and end loop.



Available in:
Navy Blue, Burgundy,
Forest Green, Dark Brown,
Warm Brown, Black

Available from
The Sunken Ship

NANTUCKET KNOTWORKS’ CAP LANYARD

These come in handy to keep a favorite hat from saying “Sayonara” when an unexpected gust appears from nowhere. Clip one end to the back of the hat and the other to a jacket or shirt collar. Unlike those found most places, Nantucket Knotworks’ cap lanyards have stainless steel clips to prevent rust.

Available in:
Army Green, Navy Blue,
Nantucket Red™, and Natural



MONKEY FIST KEY RINGS

NYLON KEY RINGS

Like our bracelets, Nantucket Knotworks' **Monkey Fist Key Rings** are made from the finest hard laid cotton and tough diamond braid nylon. They have a stainless steel thimble to prevent chafing. Contrasting whippings for nylon key rings are waxed twine from Marlow (UK). Whippings for cotton rings are marlin (US). These key rings are 1¼ inch in diameter. Monkey Fist Key Rings are available in all the colors shown for our Racing Stripe Bracelets on page 2.

Available from
The Sunken Ship



NATURAL COTTON KEY RING



Natural Cotton
Key Ring



Custom Monkey Fist
Napkin Ring
2011 Wedding

Available from
The Sunken Ship

NANTUCKET KNOTWORKS' LEATHER MONKEY FIST KEY RINGS

This classic leather version of Nantucket Knotworks' Monkey Fist Key Ring is stylish as well as durable. Available in Black or Brown



KITS

Our kits contain the same high quality materials as our finished work. The instructions include photographs and explanations of how to tie either the **Sailor's Rope Bracelet** or the **Monkey Fist Key Ring**.

SAILOR'S ROPE BRACELET KIT

The **Sailor's Rope Bracelet Kit** contains one piece of cotton and one piece of colored nylon to make two bracelets.

Available from
The Sunken Ship and 1856 Country Store



**Sailor's Rope
Bracelet Kit**



**Monkey Fist
Key Ring Kit**



MONKEY FIST KEY RING KIT

The **Monkey Fist Key Ring Kit** contains one piece of cotton and one piece of colored nylon, two wooden balls, and two split rings to make two key rings.

Available from
The Sunken Ship

TABLE TOP AND DECORATIVE PIECES



TURK'S HEAD COASTERS

As you will see on the next pages, the Turk's Head is a versatile knot. Its name is derived from the turban-like appearance on the bottle stopper below. Alternatively, it can be tied flat to make items like coasters and mats. Nantucket Knotworks' coasters are made from heavy cotton line to prevent those maddening water rings from appearing on wooden tables. They are nicely packaged and make a thoughtful hostess or thank you gift. Machine wash. Drip dry.

Available from
The Sunken Ship



TURK'S HEAD BOTTLE STOPPER

Even though there may not always be wine left on the table, our bottle stoppers make a nice gift for times when that occasion arises. They may also be used for olive oil bottles and so forth. These stick to tradition by using premium quality cork. The Turk's Head is tightly tied and sealed for long use. It is packaged as shown.

Available from
The Sunken Ship



TURK'S HEAD NAPKIN RINGS

Our napkin rings are durable cotton, and packaged in a plastic gift box containing 4 rings.

Available from
The Sunken Ship



TABLE TOP AND DECORATIVE PIECES



OPEN TURK'S HEAD TABLE MAT

This is the mat I have in the center of my dining table. It is 15 inches in diameter and open in the center, allowing for a flower arrangement or other table decoration. It is made from tightly twisted natural cotton line for a soft and casual presentation. Available in limited quantities each year.

Available from
The Sunken Ship

SOLID TURK'S HEAD "THUMP" MAT

On large sailing ships, sails were raised and lowered using blocks and sheets (the line attached to the sail). Well, when the sails had to come down fast in a storm, the somewhat weighty blocks would collapse on the deck. To protect the decks against this form of punishment, thump mats were made and used to soften the blow. Hopefully, my mats, made as they are from tightly twisted cotton, will have an easier life.

10 inches in diameter.

Available in limited quantities each year.

Available from
The Sunken Ship



KNOTWORKS' BASKETS & ACCESSORIES

The baskets I used to make are back for an encore. They are made from the highest quality line from New England Ropes. The bases are solid black walnut and the finish, which makes them stiff and provides protection, is water-based non-yellowing polyurethane. The knots are complex Turk's heads and demonstrate the versatility of this iconic knot and its application to many of the items I make.



Turk's Head Bowl

10" Diameter by 5.5" High



Turk's Head Wine Caddy

4.5" Diameter by 2.5" High

Turk's Head Bottle Stopper



Turk's Head Basket

8" Diameter by 3.5" High



BASKETS & BOWLS

Please contact me directly at knots@comcast.net for pricing and availability of my baskets and bowls, as these are made in limited quantities.

A note to our customers about Nantucket Knotworks...

Thank you for taking time to read about our knotwork. You should know that I am the person who designs and makes the more complex bracelets and products. We have a small number of “knotters” who have worked with us for many years helping to make our bracelets. Please keep in mind that all of our work is hand made.

My designs, like our Racing Stripe Bracelets, and the new Islander Ankle and Wrist Bands are completely original. When I founded Nantucket Knotworks 25 years ago, I had no idea that our work would become so popular. (It is, truly, the hobby that “got out of control.”) We strive to delight our customers with unique designs and give them products for their homes and families that stand the test of time.

You will find that we use only the highest quality materials in our work, whether cordage or hardware (solid brass, bronze, or stainless steel). If I can’t source items that meet our specifications, I have them made, such as my harpoon buckles, 100% cotton cordage, and nylon. All of our knotwork is tied here in the USA.

We are pleased to work with several charitable causes like *Hope in Bloom* and *Circle of Women*. We help *Hope in Bloom* raise money to build gardens for women with breast cancer. *Circle of Women* is an organization of young high school women who sell our bracelets in their school colors to help fund education for girls in Afghanistan. Both are all volunteer organizations.

As for me, I’ve been fooling around with knots since my uncle, a WWI US Navy Veteran, tried to “shut the child up” one afternoon by showing me how to tie a bowline. It worked. Uncle Theron later gave me his 1916 edition of *Modern Seamanship* and taught me how to tie other knots. Fifty years later that lesson led me to make kits for a new generation of parents looking for ways to amuse their offspring on foggy days (or when the internet is down or the batteries die).

I have lived near the ocean all my life and take refuge from today’s high tech stresses in my low tech pieces of rope and twine. I am truly fortunate to be able to engage in my knotwork on Nantucket Island, where the lure of the sea is strong and the lore of its whaling history remains a constant reminder of what it must have been like to live in the days of sail.

Charity Benz

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