

IMWoggle

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What is it?

The IMWoggle was first introduced in 2011 after long discussions about IMWe scarves and other possible symbols for the IMWe participants and teamers. The woggle turned out as a valid alternative, as it can be worn with any scarf and allows everyone to wear their own national scout scarves, which gives a nice international touch to the event. The woggle is given to everyone on their first year as IMWe participant. Younger children will have to wait until they return as full-fledged participants one day...

The woggle is a three-stranded Turk's head knot of metal guitar string (strings 4-6 seem to work best). As the Woodbadge-woggle is said to have enough leather thong for making a fire drill, the IMWoggle will be there to help creative IMWe musicians that have broken a guitar string in the Rieneck castle basement. The woggle also has a small leather tag with the text IMWe burned on it, and the year when the owner first participated on IMWe.



How to make one?

Of course you would never ever lose your woggle, but maybe someone will find use for the guitar string, and has to replace the woggle later... We thought it best to provide you with the following instructions:

you will need:

1 metal guitar string (4th-6th)

hole-punch for leather

scissors or carpet knife for cutting the leather

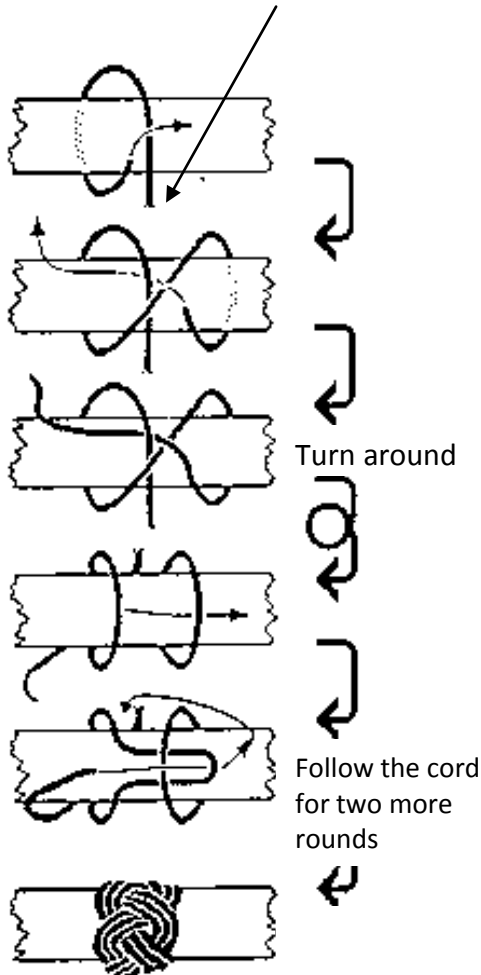
small piece of leather

leather-burning pen (or soldering iron)

metal cutting pliers (maybe)

1. Cut the oval-shaped leather tag, punch holes through it (big enough for the guitar string to pass through three times) and burn in the letters IMWe and your first year as IMWe-participant on it. The writing *can* be done also when the woggle is finished, but it is harder (and if you fail you will have to undo the woggle and put in a new tag)

if your string has an end ring you should start with it and leave it inside the woggle in the end! You may also want to cut it off.



Right here, after pulling the loop under the other wire but before pulling the end through, is a good spot to thread in the leather tag!

2. Make the first round of a Turk's head knot. There are many techniques for this, I prefer the one described here to the left, using some round object (a paper glue stick, in my case) as support. The inner diameter of the woggle should be about 3 cm.
3. Thread the leather tag to a suitable place on the woggle – somewhere between the start and end points.
4. Make the two last rounds of the knot, always threading the string through the holes in the tag.
5. In the end, pull the free end of the string through the end ring if there is one and bend it inside the woggle. Both ends should stay easily inside the woggles, as there will be some tension.

"end end", pulled through the end-ring and bent inside the woggle

"start end" with end-ring



6. Don't get sad if your first woggle looks weird... You'll learn! Took me some 10 tries and quite some time before I had my first pretty woggle in hand ;)