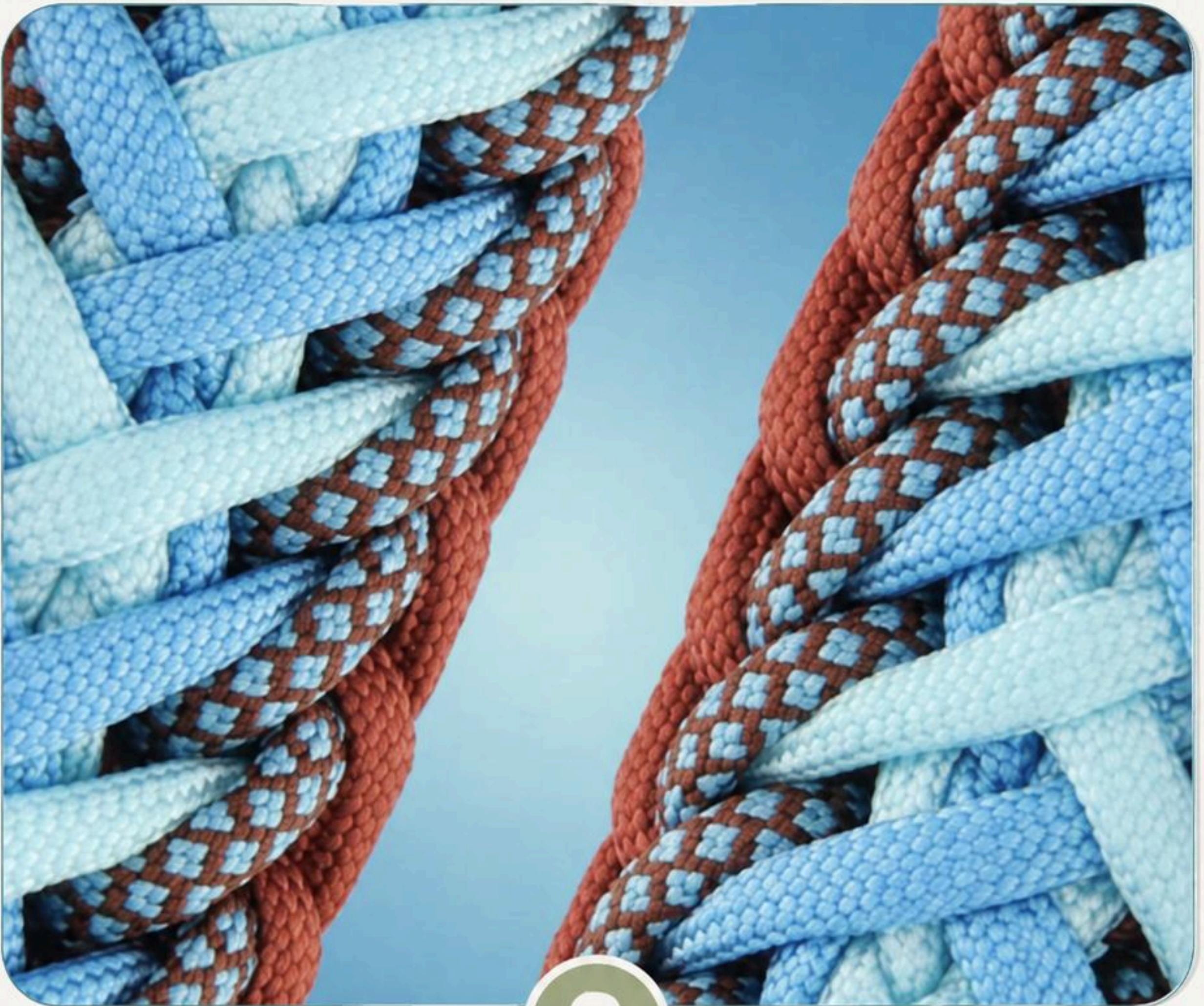




Water Wave Paracord Pet Collar



A step-by-step pattern for a stylish handmade collar.





Welcome to the Project



In this guide, you'll learn how to make a dog collar using paracord and the water wave knot. With a few tools, four cord colors, and a little patience, you can create a strong, stylish collar with a detailed woven finish.



This pattern is ideal for makers who want a unique handmade collar design.





Materials & Setup

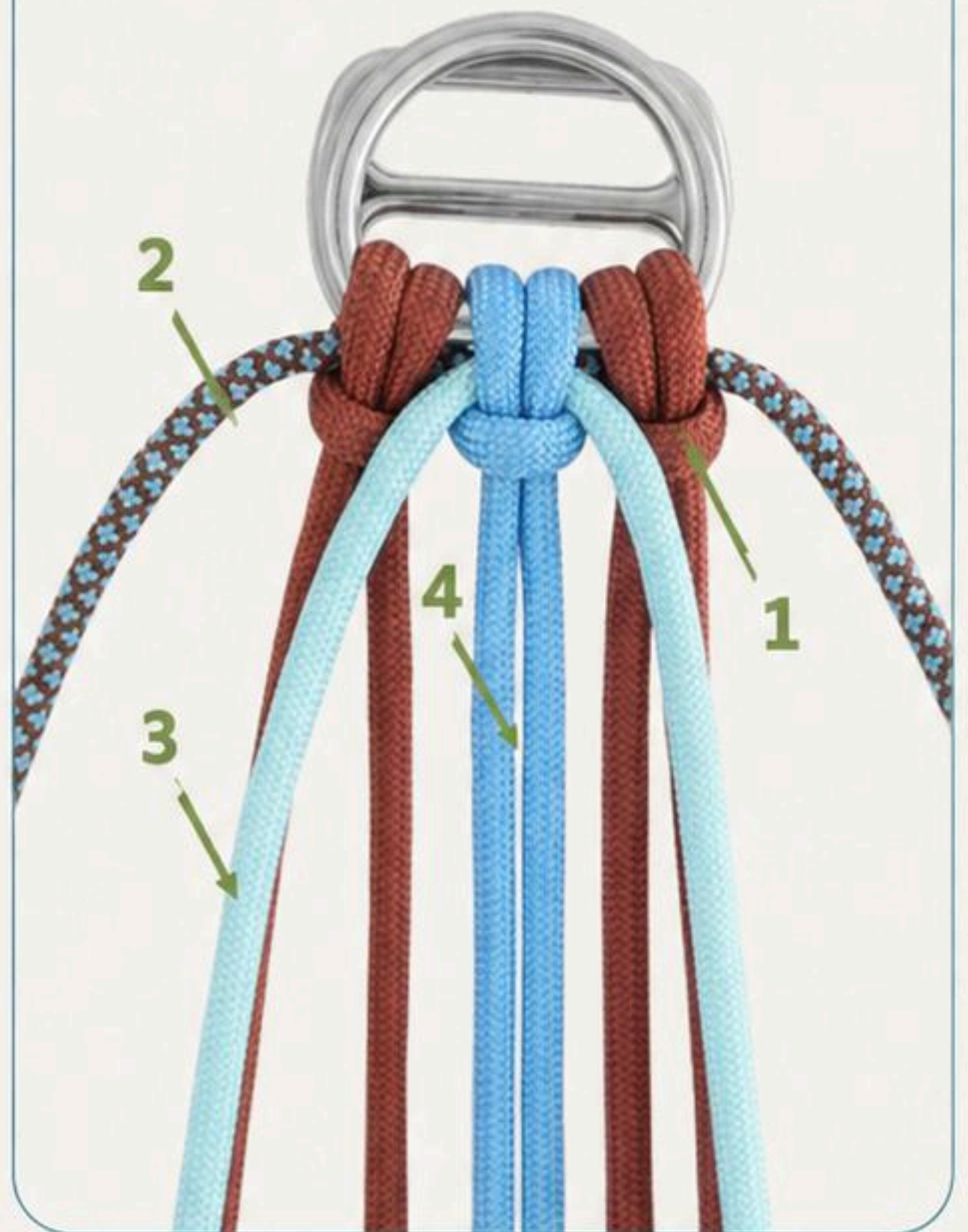


Gather the supplies below before you begin the first knot.

- Four colors of 550 paracord:

- 1 bronze brown
- 2 brown diamond pattern with baby blue
- 3 pastel blue
- 4 baby blue

- Paracord needle (optional)
- Side-release buckle or your preferred closure
- 20 mm half ring
- Adhesive tape
- Measuring tape
- Scissors
- Lighter



Arrange the cords neatly before starting so the colors stay easy to follow.





Step 1



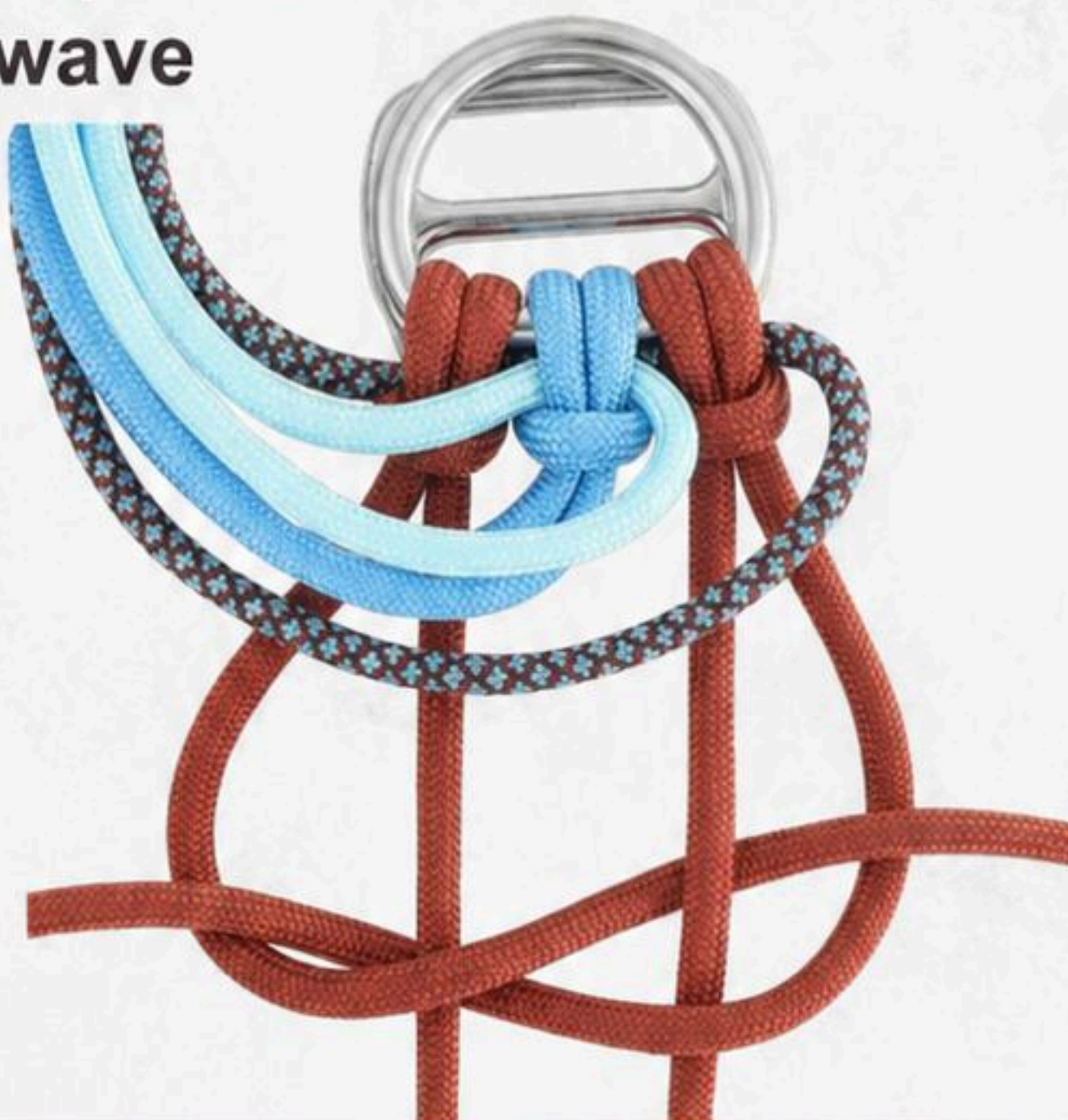
Check Your Starting Lengths



Before tying the first water wave knot, make sure the cords are set up evenly. Check that the left and right tails of each color are the same length, then begin the knot at the top.

First step: Tie the water wave

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TIP: Balanced cord lengths make the braid easier to tighten neatly.





Step 2



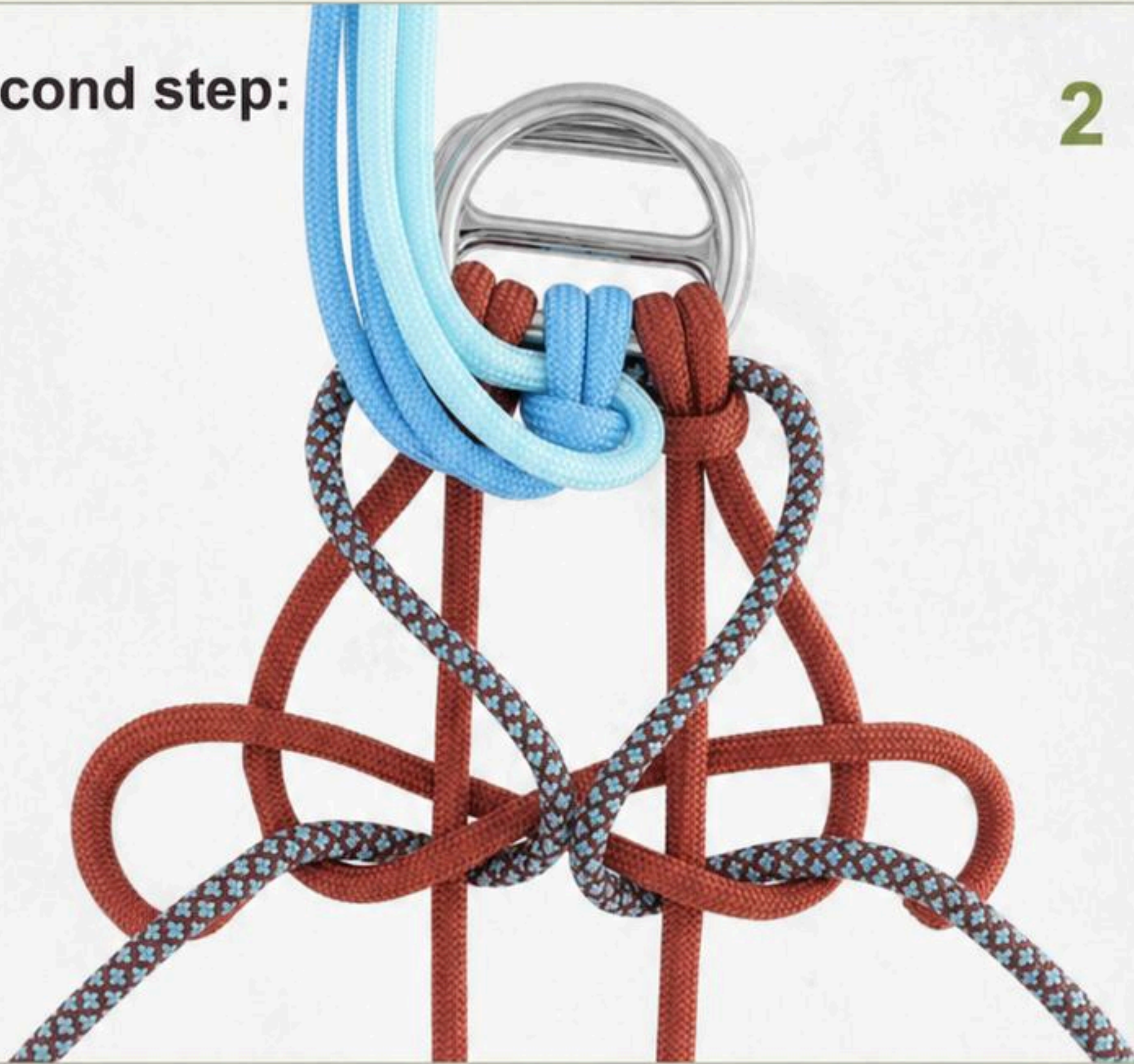
Start the Outer Loops



Bring the working cords into position to begin the next water wave crossing. Keep the side loops open and place the strands exactly as shown before tightening.

Second step:

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Keep the cord paths loose at first so the next passes are easier to place.





Step 3

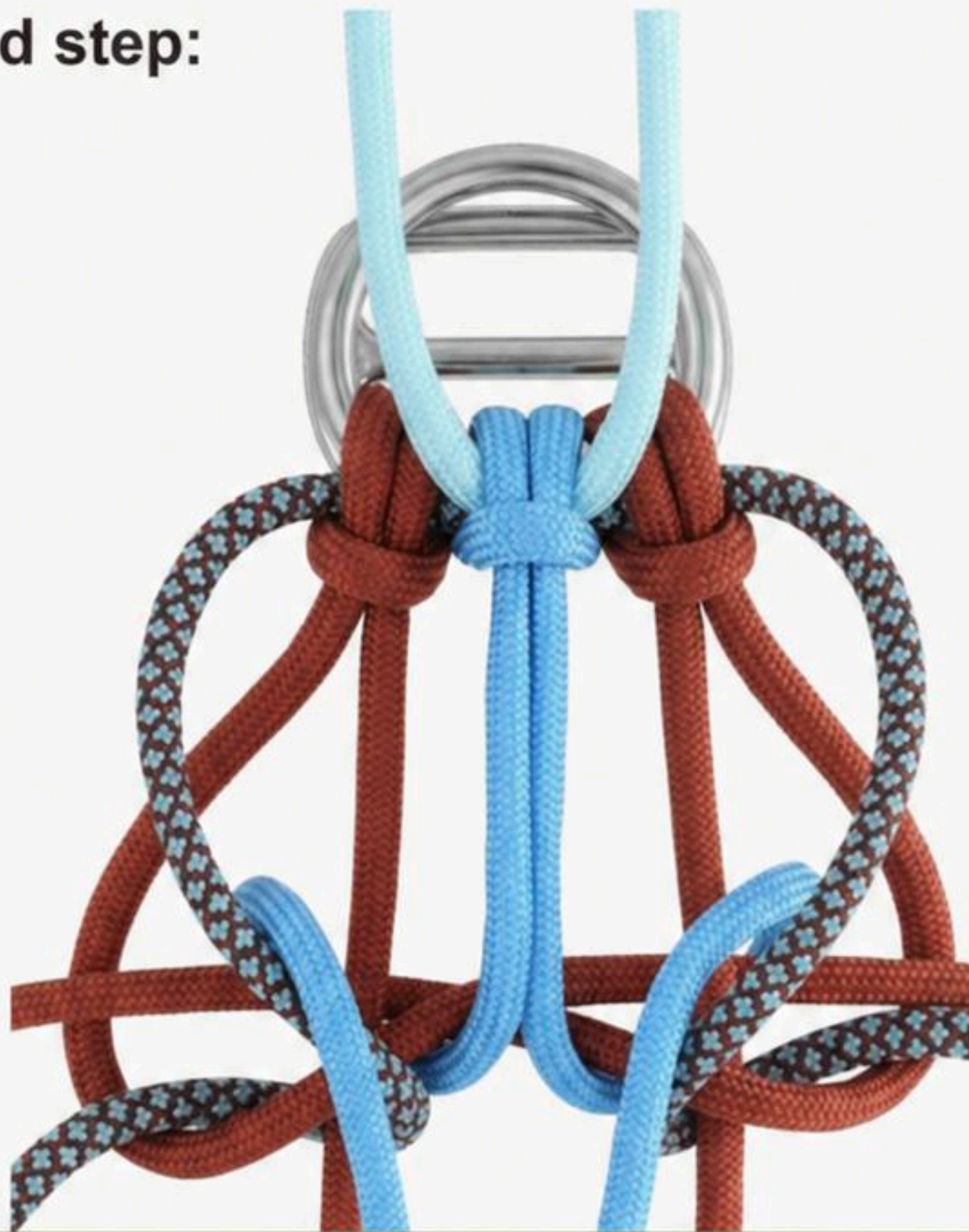
Bring the Center Strands Up



Lift the pale blue center strands upward through the top section as shown. Straighten the cord paths and keep the side loops even on both sides.

Third step:

3



Try to mirror the left and right sides so the pattern begins evenly.





Step 4



Cross the Center Cords

Cross the two pale blue working strands diagonally over the center to form the next part of the wave pattern. Match the placement shown in the diagram before tightening.

Fourth step:

4



A clean X-shape helps the pattern stay tidy as it builds.





Step 5 Feed the Strands Through



Guide each working strand through its matching side opening as shown, then begin pulling the knot together evenly. Keep the center cords aligned.

5



TIP: Tighten gradually from both sides for a cleaner result.





Step 6



Begin Tightening the Knot

Pull the working strands gently to start tightening the knot while keeping the side cords open and balanced. Adjust the shape so the braid sits neatly under the ring.

Sixth step:

6



Do not pull too hard at once — even tension gives the cleanest shape.





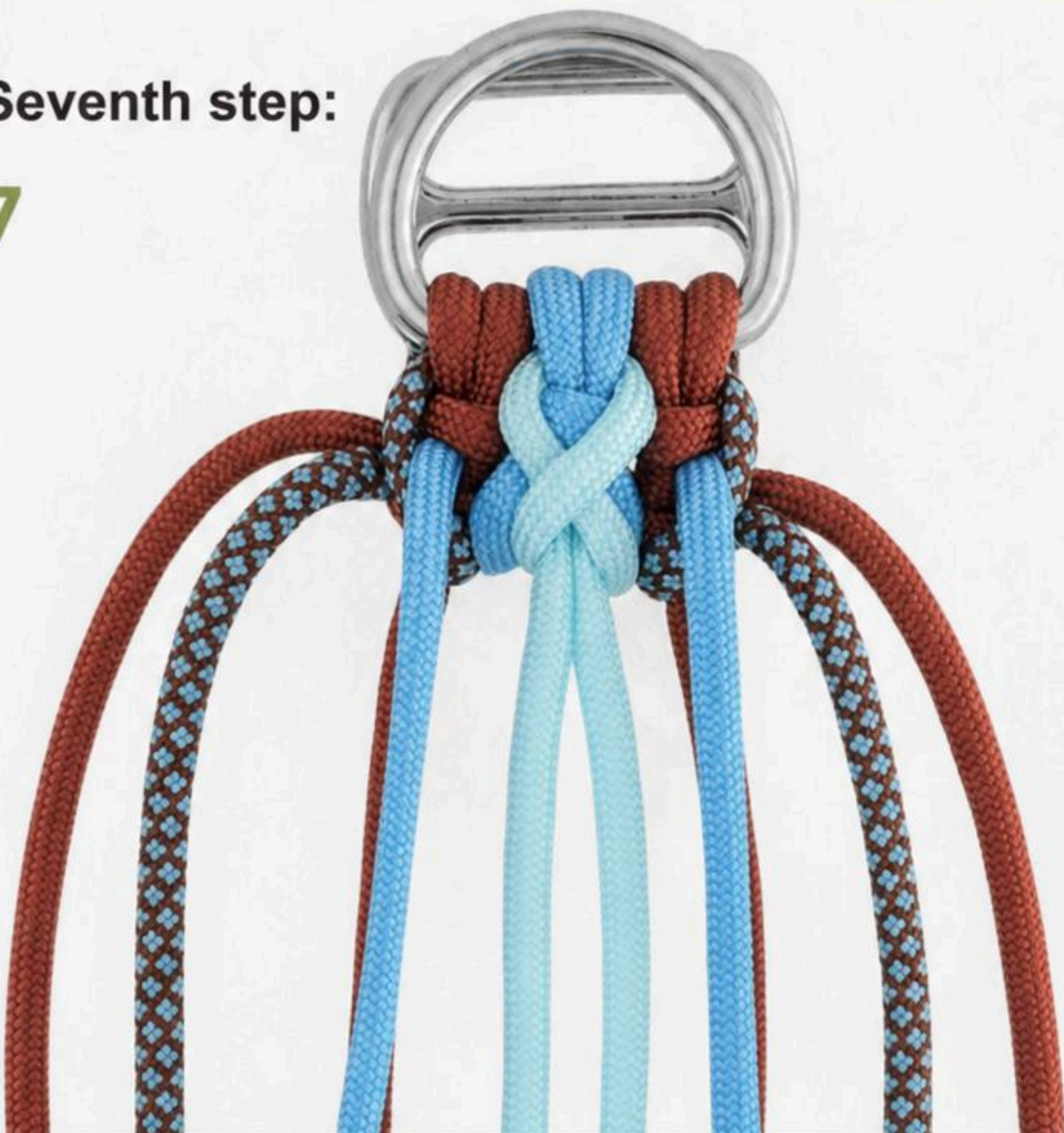
Step 7

Snug the Pattern Upward

Continue snugging the knot upward toward the ring and refine the cord placement. As the strands tighten, the first section of the water wave pattern becomes more defined.

Seventh step:

7



Pause to straighten the cords before moving on to the next pass.



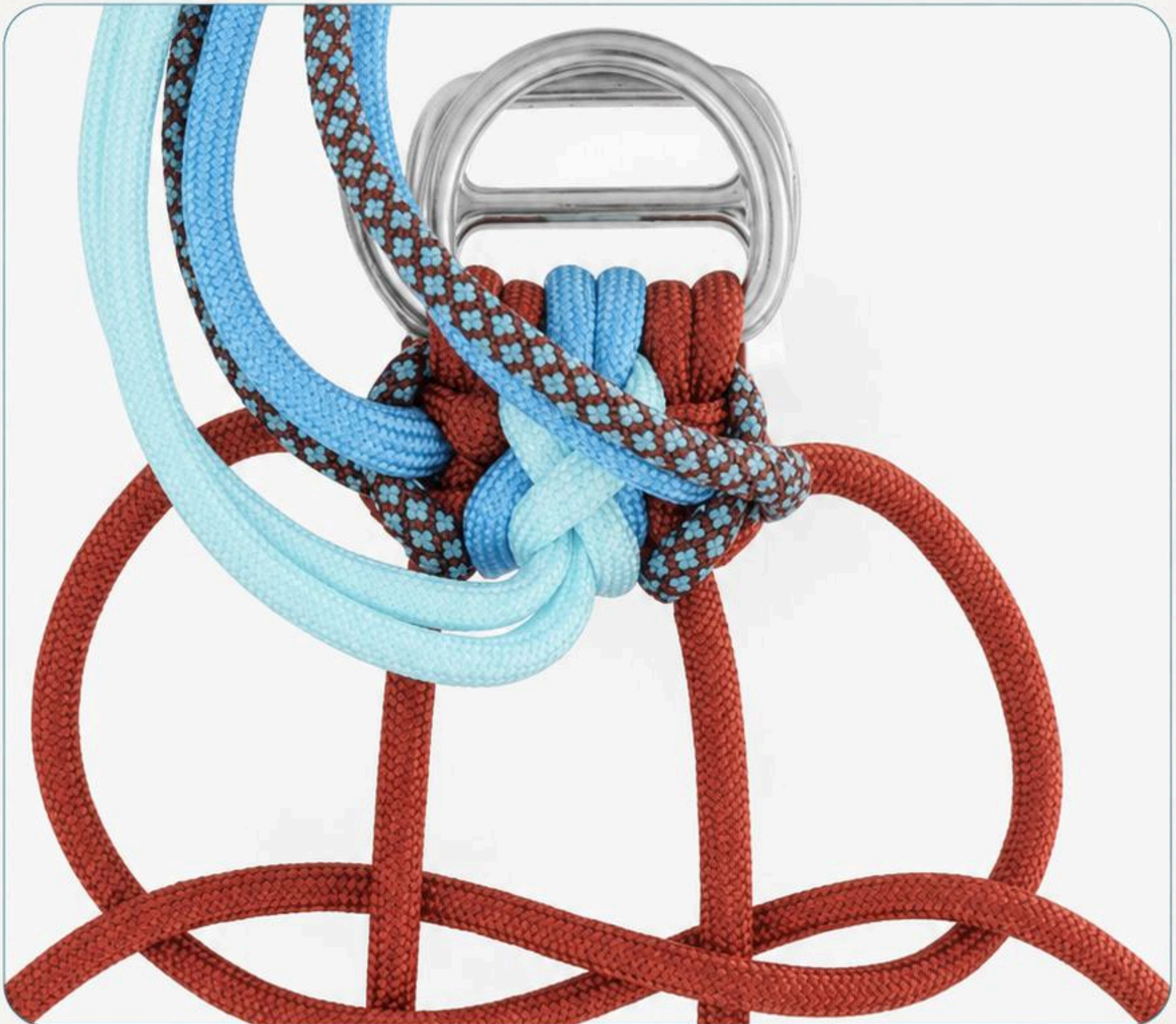


Step 8

Start the Next Crossing



Bring the upper working cords across the top to begin the next crossing of the water wave pattern. Keep the cords organized and aligned before tightening.



 **TIP:** Keep the cord order visible while placing this pass.





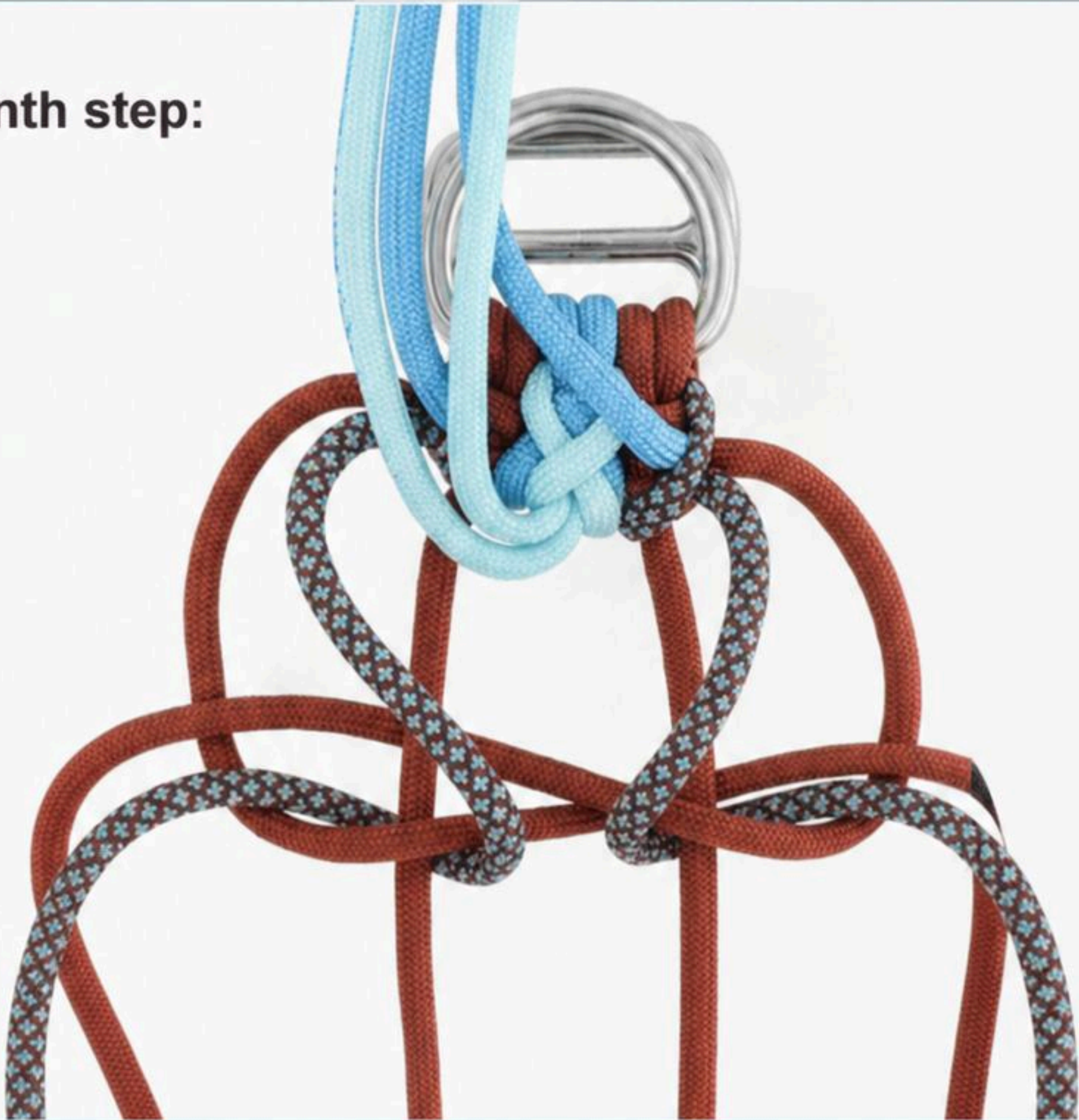
Step 9

Loop the Blue Strands Through

Pass the blue cords through the openings as shown. This step creates the next row of the pattern. Keep the side loops open and balanced while pulling the blue strands through.

Ninth step:

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Take your time and guide each blue strand one at a time for a neat, even weave.





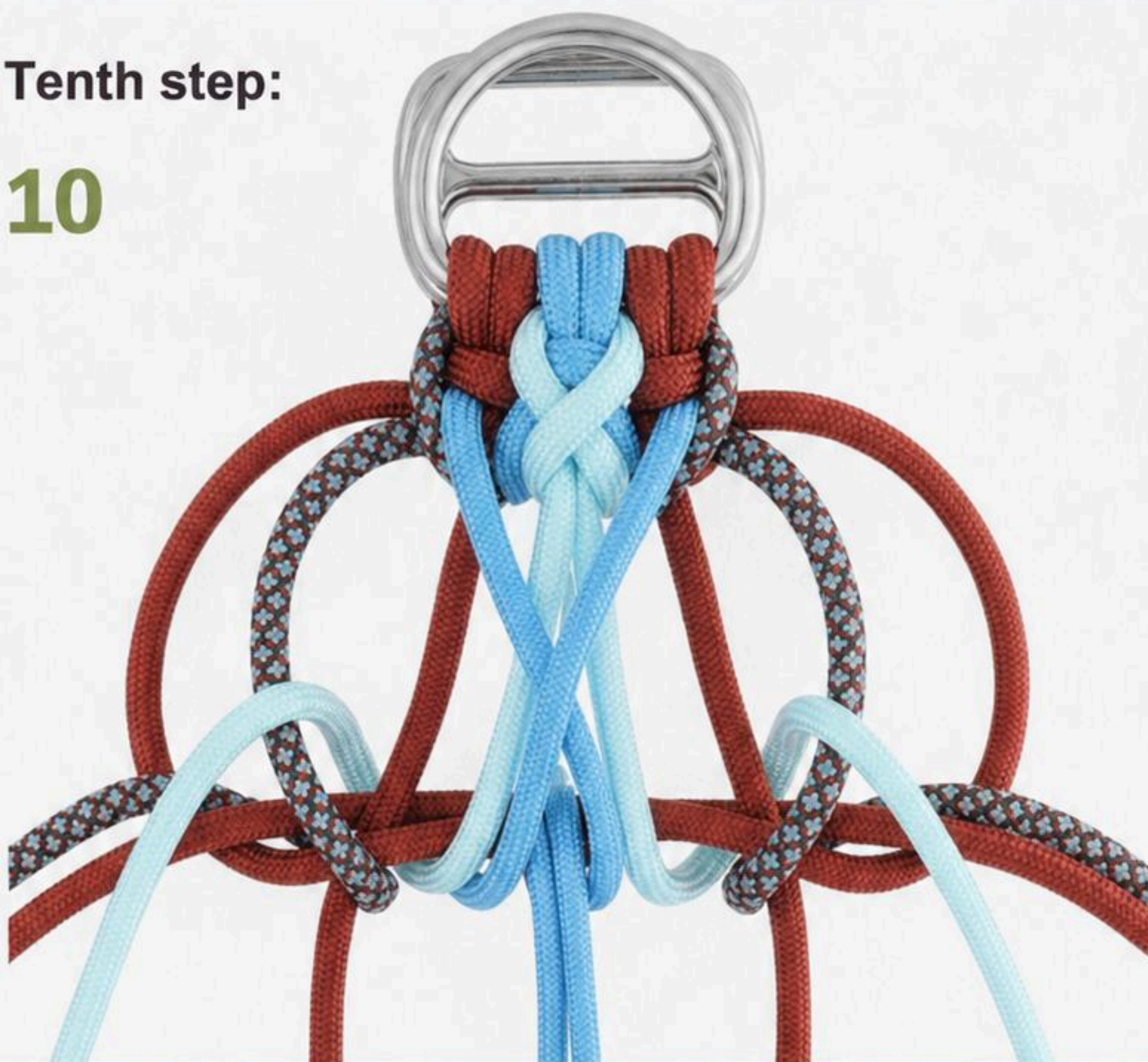
Step 10

Set the Lower Loops

The lower loops are now sitting in place, forming the next section of the water wave pattern. Check that each loop is even on both sides and that the cords lie flat before continuing.

Tenth step:

10



Tip: Check both sides to ensure the loops are symmetrical before pulling anything tight.





Step 11

Cross the Working Strands Back

Bring the working strands back over the center strands to continue the pattern. This cross keeps the design moving upward and balanced.

Eleventh step:

11



Tip: Keep the center strands straight and untwisted as you cross over.

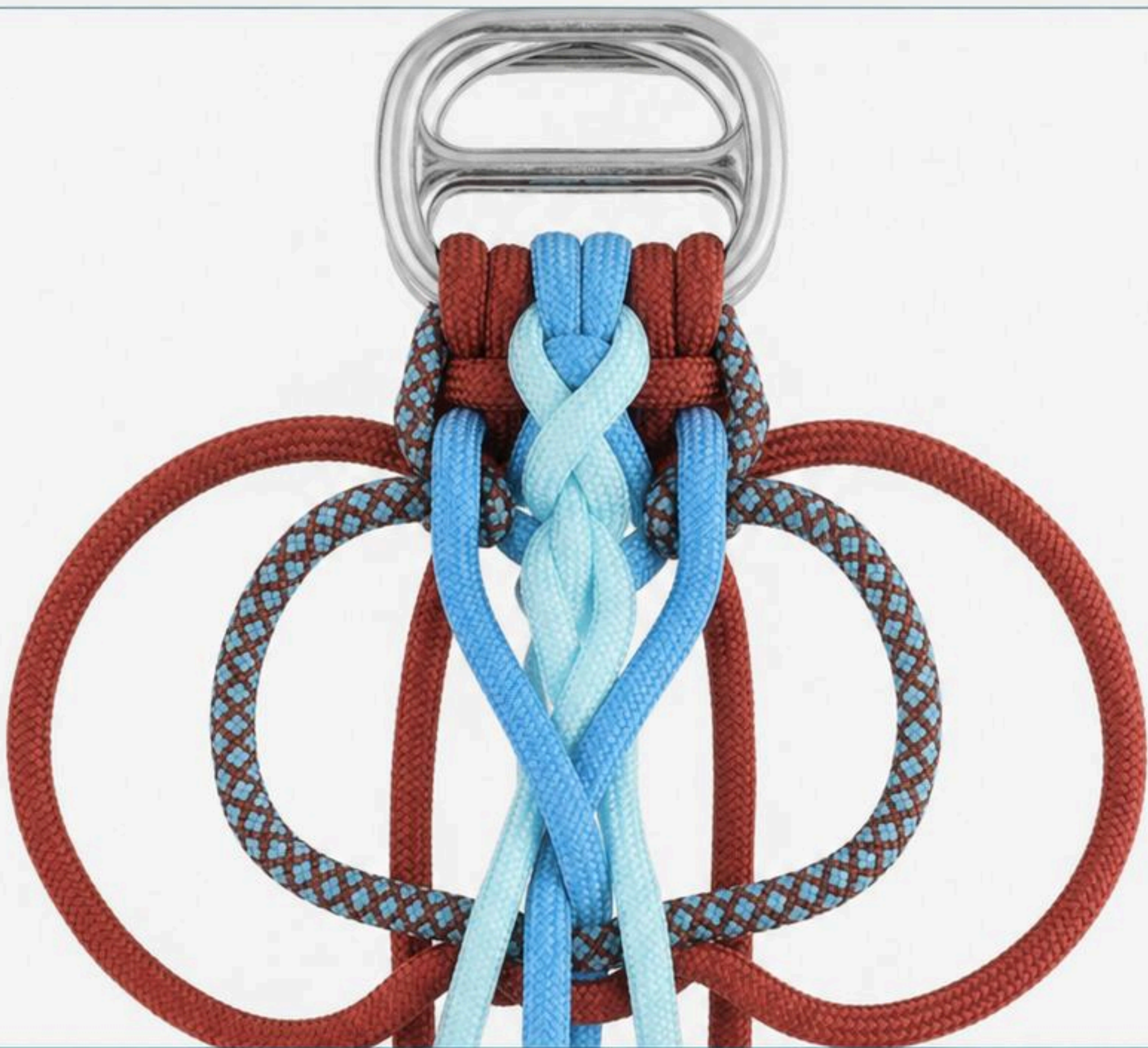




Step 12

Feed the Side Loops Through

Guide each side loop through the opening toward the center of the pattern. As you pull the loops through, the structure of the water wave becomes more locked in.



Pull evenly from both sides to keep the pattern balanced and your collar looking symmetrical.





Step 13

Tighten the New Section

Tighten the newly placed strands by pulling them snug and aligning them with the rest of the pattern. This locks the section in place and ensures the next wave reads clearly.

Thirteenth step:

13



Tip: Smooth the cords before moving on to keep the pattern even.





Step 14

Define the Water Wave Pattern

The water wave pattern is starting to take shape! Gently snug each knot and adjust the cords so the wave sections appear even and well-defined. Take your time and tighten carefully for the best result.

Fourteenth step:

14



Tip: Tighten gradually and evenly on both sides to keep the wave sections balanced and looking clean.





Step 15



Finished Wave Section

This pass completes the water wave section. The knot sits neatly under the ring with a clean, balanced look—ready to be repeated to build the full collar.



Tip: Repeat this sequence consistently to continue the water wave pattern and complete the full collar.

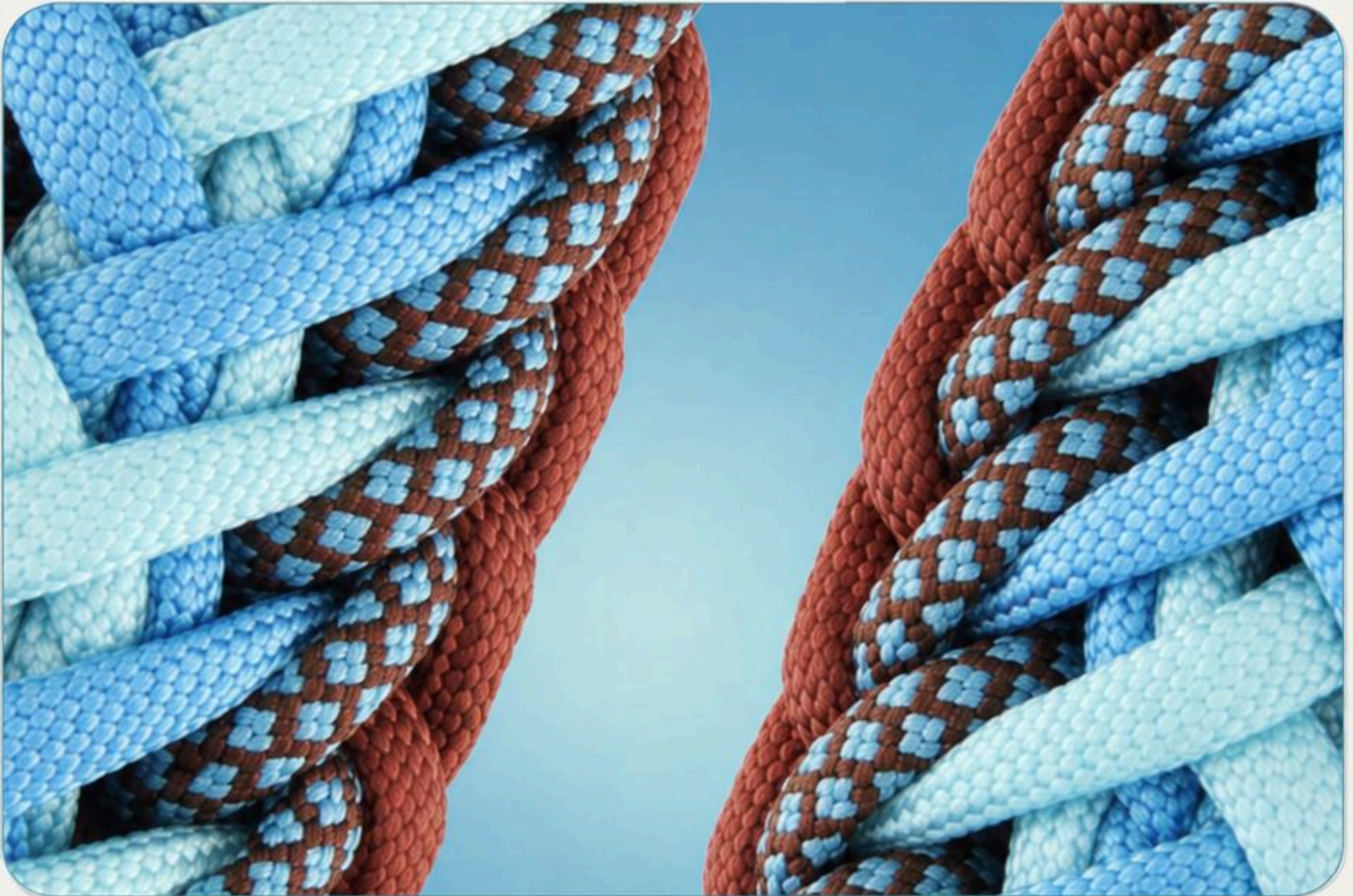




Water Wave Technique Complete



You've finished the Water Wave knot sequence!
Keep practicing to build your rhythm and consistency.
Repeat the pattern until your collar reaches the perfect length,
and enjoy the satisfaction of a beautiful, handmade creation.



Every repetition brings you closer to a collar
as unique and special as the bond you share. ❤️

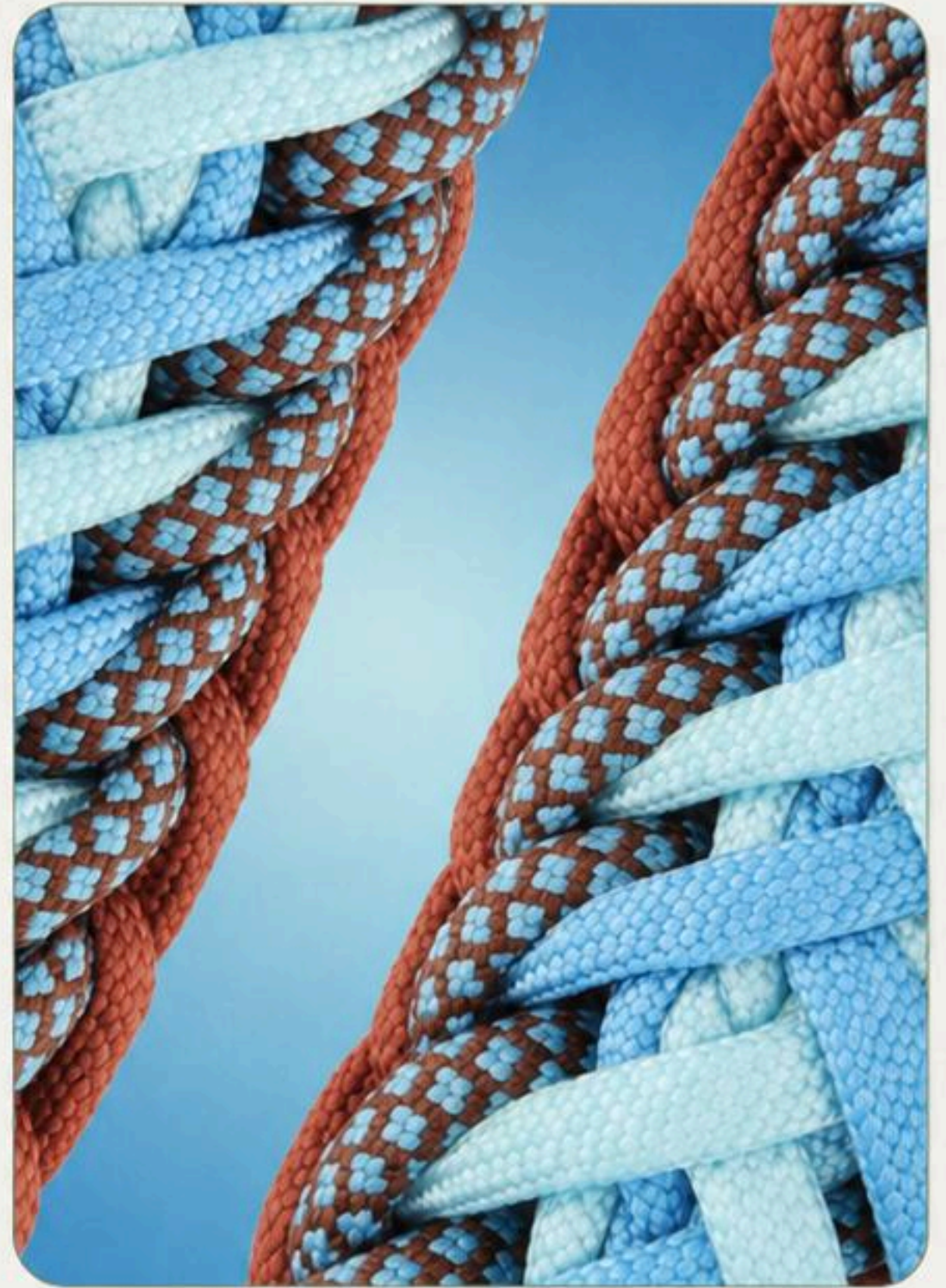




Final Notes & Next Steps



You've completed the Water Wave knot technique and created a beautiful, handmade collar.
Great work!



Keep practicing the pattern.



Finish the ends neatly.



Attach your chosen closure.



Check tension and symmetry before use.



Your handmade collar is ready for the finishing details.
Wear it with pride and enjoy your creation!

