

Wrapping the 38" or 41" Batons

The following instructions are for wrapping the 38" or 41" Peacock American Baton. If you are wrapping another kind of baton or using another kind of cord you may have to adjust for the differences. Lay cord out and measure one end 24" longer than the other.



Sitting on a soft chair placing the baton under you with the head of the baton in front of you. Be careful not to bend the baton. Start the baton cord 1 ½" down from the bottom of the baton head placing point "A" next to the shaft. Taking the longer end of the cord, begin wrapping it over the short side. Keeping the wrapping close together. (See picture A) Do not worry about tightness at this time. You can go clock-wise or counter clock-wise around the shaft. Wrap around the shaft three times and then pull both sides of the cord to make sure it is tight against the shaft. (See Picture A) Remember **DO NOT** pull with the tassels. Repeat this after every three or four wraps. Wrap 10 times around the shaft. (See picture B) At the bottom of the 10 wraps take the next wrap and as it comes back around, place the longer cord **UNDER** the shorter cord to act as a lock. (See picture B) As you are doing this always keep tension on the cords to keep tight. If you have done this correct, the tassel ends should now be close to the same length. You may need to adjust or retry a few times to get it right.

Now you are ready to wrap the large crossovers coming down the shaft. The crossovers should be about 1 ¼ apart for the 38" and 1 ½ for the 41". To make the cord tight, alternate the crossovers. When crossing on top one side will always be on top. That same side will be crossed **OVER** on the bottom side by the other end. (See picture C) This will make for a tight wrap. As you wrap you will need to clear the

cording as you go. Hold both sides of the cord with one hand and clear the cording with the other hand after every second wraps. Remember to keep tension on the cord. Check to make sure top and bottom crossovers are the same distance. Occasionally pull both sides to make sure crossings are tight otherwise cording will become very loose. **DO NOT PULL ON THE TASSELS.** Tassels are for decoration only and have no purpose but to make ends look nice.

Half way down, you will want to turn the baton around and continue up the shaft toward the tip. (See picture D) Remember to continue the same crossovers direction as you did at the top section. Stop the crossover about 8" to 9" from the bottom and begin doing close wraps again as you did at the start. Using the longer end wrap over the short cord one direction and the other end wrap around the other direction. (See Picture E) This way you will be able to tie off the cording. Leave enough of the cord to do two or three knots at the bottom. If one end is much longer than the other you need to retry starting all over. If one end is a little longer wrap with the longer end then switch and use the other end **GOING THE OPPOSITE** direction (See Picture F). **PLEASE NOTE.** When doing the knots at the bottom you must be **careful not to pull the tassels.** Tassels are just for decoration and can come off.

Wrapping a 42" to 49" Baton - To wrap these batons you follow the same way you do for the 38" & 41" but distance between crossovers will be larger. You will start approximately 2 ½ inches from the bottom of the baton head. Follow the instructions of the 38" or 41" wrapping the same way as the 38" or 41" **but only 5 wraps** then cross under with the longer end as stated for the 38" or 41". The large crossovers should be approximately 2 to 2 ½ inches apart. The larger the baton the larger the space. At the bottom you will again wrap close as you did at the start. **PLEASE REMEMBER NOT TO PULL WITH THE TASSELS.** Tassels are just

decorations for the ends and can come off. With practice you will have a professional looking baton.

Picture A



Picture B



Picture C



Picture D



Picture E



You will need to make sure tassels do not hang below the tip of the baton. You may need to knot the cords three times to make sure it doesn't come apart. With practice you will have a nice looking baton all the time.



Wrapping the Mace

As shown with the baton you want to sit on the mace carefully with the mace head in front of you. Most of the maces have screws at the top section of the shaft. You want to start above those screws to make it stay in place (See below) Make the cording even for both sides. Holding tassels together find the spot on the cord that is half way so both side are even. Just above the screws place that part of the cord on the mace. **(Picture A)** Then start wrapping the large crossovers coming down the shaft.

If there are no screws or you want extra wraps at the top, you will need to make one side of the cord longer than the other by 12 to 14 inches. Starting approximately 5 ½ inches down from the metal part of the mace head start doing a close wrap as shown for the baton. You will wrap about 4 to 5 times then as shown in **(Picture B)** lock it at the bottom of the close wrap. You now ready to do the main crossovers. As shown in **Picture C** you want to alternate the crossovers. On one side will of the mace the cord will be on top and as you bring it around to be backside you want to place it under the other cording.



Picture A



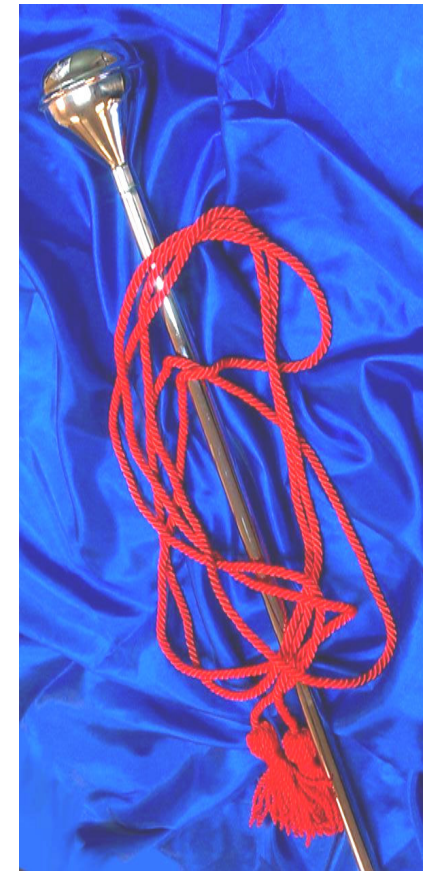
Picture B



Picture C

At the bottom you will start the close wraps below the screws. Use the longer side over the other end. If no screws, you will finish like the baton as shown to the left. REMEMBER DO NOT PULL WITH TASSELS.

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