

How to Repair a Knotted Chain

A guide on how to open knots in a tightly knotted chain.

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INTRODUCTION

Individuals often find themselves in a complex situation when dealing with chains. To open a knotted chain is another challenge in itself. If the chain is delicate in nature, it becomes riskier to untangle the knot. Attempting to open the knot can make it much tighter or break the chain entirely. However, with the help of the right tools and techniques, you can unknot your tangled chain within minutes.

TOOLS:

- Toothpick (2)
- Baby Powder (1)

Optional

- Tissue (1)
- Towel (1)

Damp

Step 1 — How to Repair a Knotted Chain



- Find a flat surface.
- Remove all clutter from your workspace to ensure you can access the chain easily.
- (i) The flat surface will provide stability when you begin working through the tangles and will prevent other tangles from forming during the process.

Step 2



- Rest the chain on the surface.
- Slowly spread the chain out so you can recognize the tangled areas.
- (i) While spreading the chain on the surface, make sure to do so slowly in order to avoid tightening the tangle.



- Unclasp the chain.
- Separate the strands gently.

(i) Opening the clasp will isolate the chain strands, permitting them to slide through the knots easily.

Step 4

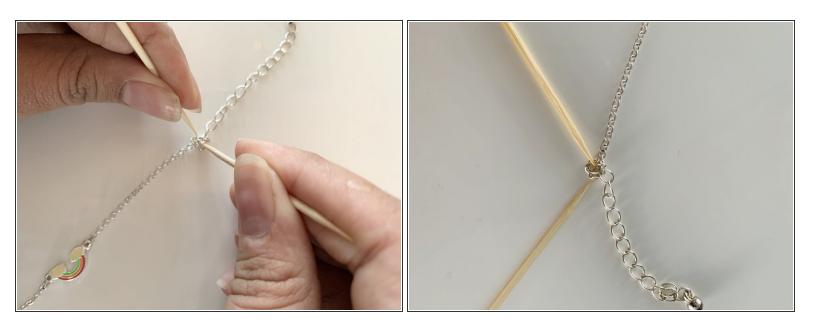


- Gently sprinkle baby powder onto the knotted area.
- Sprinkle the powder until the knot is lightly coated.
- (i) This is an optional step.



- Bring your thumb and index finger into a pinching pose.
- Put the knot between the thumb and index finger.
- Carefully and gently lightly rub the knot together.

Step 6



- Insert two toothpicks between the focal point of the knot.
- (i) Any fine toothpick style tool can work to untangle the knot.

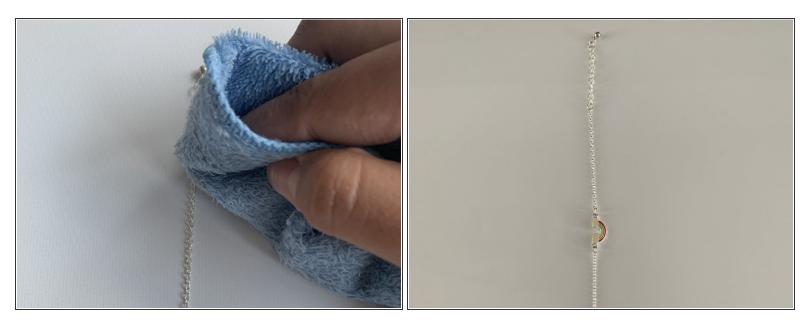


- Gently draw the toothpicks from one another to open and release the tight knot.
- When you get an opening in the knot using the toothpicks, take it apart by pulling each separated strand through the knot to fully open it.
- Then slowly pull apart the loosened knot to separate the chain strands.

Step 8



- Restore chain back into its original form.
- Clasp the chain to avoid it from re-tangling.



- Wipe the chain with a damp towel or tissue before use.
- (i) This is an optional step.