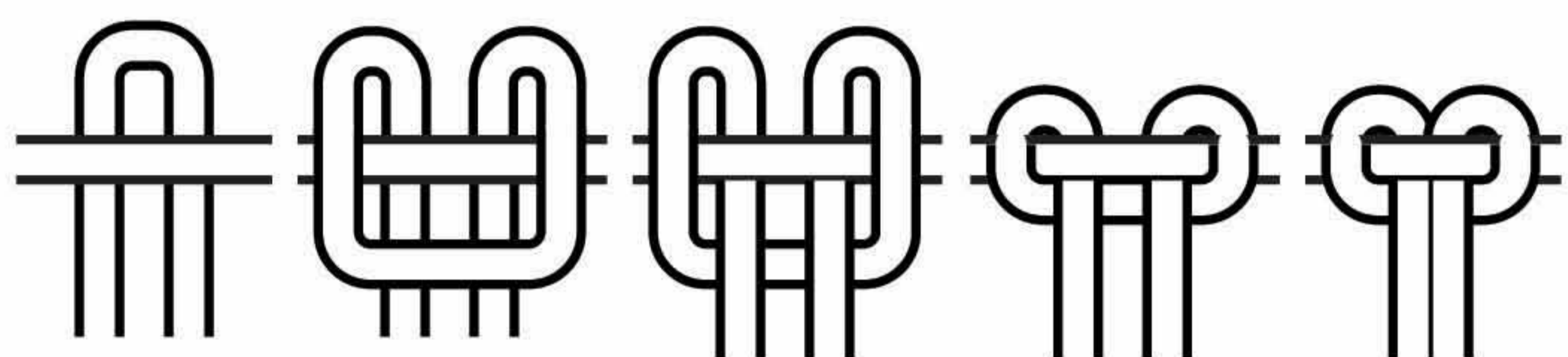
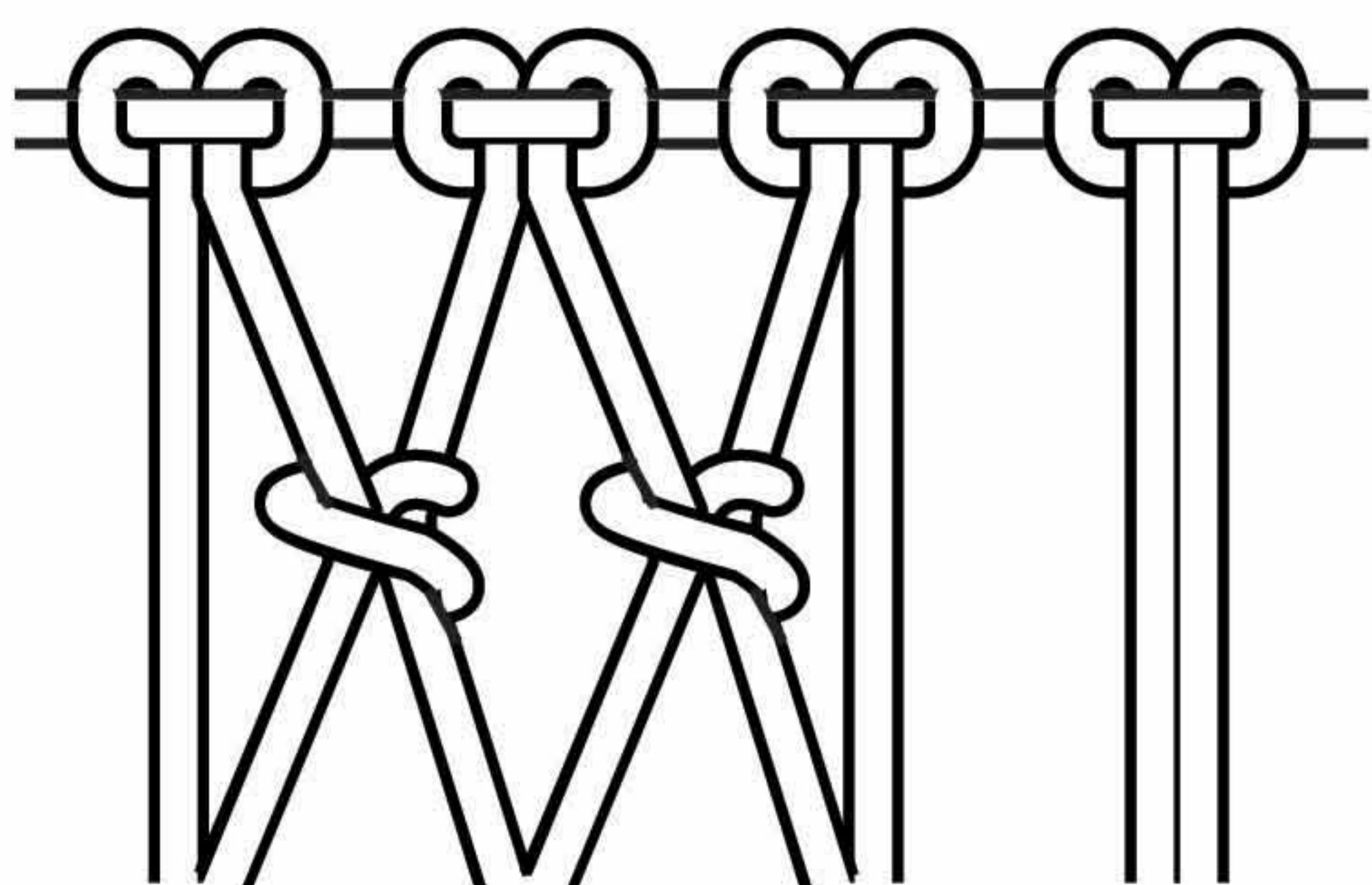


MAKING SIMPLE NETS

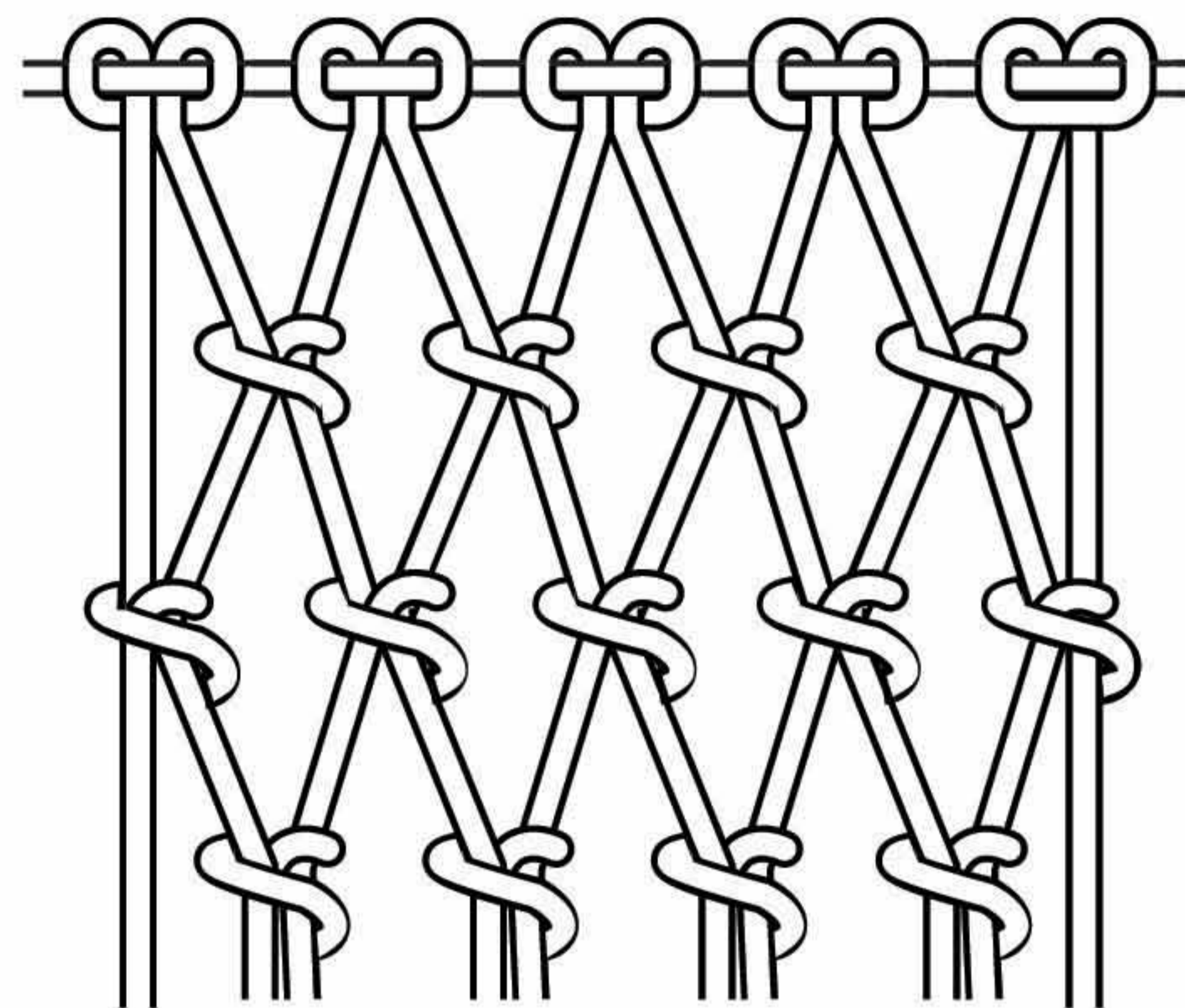
Making simple nets is a very useful skill. They can be used for a wide range of things from carrying objects and storing items to fishing. This worksheet shows you how to make a 'knotty' net or 'Gill' net as they are known today. This is the simplest type of net to make.



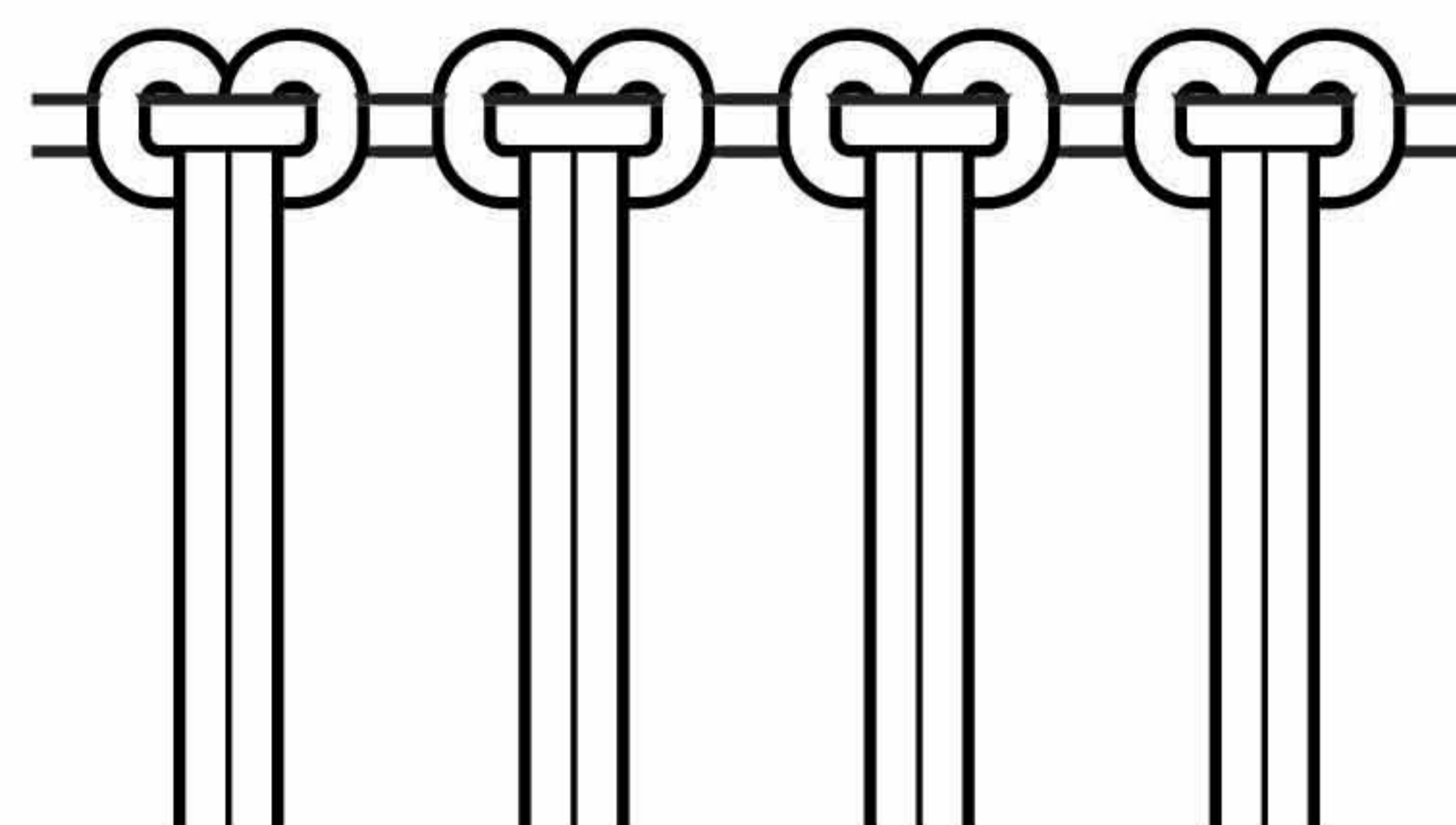
- Pin up or place your first width string on a flat surface (We like to hang it up). Onto this string we need to loop the other longer stings by looping them over and pulling the ends through the loop. Keep adding strings every few cm. This will determine the size your net will be. More closely spaced stings will lead to a tighter net.



- Once you have gone across a line continue a line downwards knotting adjacent strings. You will soon end up with a series of diamonds. When you reach the bottom of the net you will need to add another long string to the bottom of the net. If you have a length of sting left you can use the same knotting technique to attach the bottom string to the net.



- Cut a length of string. This will form the top width of the net. Next cut more strings to make the lengths for the net. If you want your net to be 10 foot long then make these lengths of string at least 25 ft. This string will be folded in half to make the correct lengths. The extra distance is to allow for the knots you will make and way the string will zigzag down the net.



- Take two strings nearest each other and tie them in a knot leaving the remaining length of string dangling down. Then take the next two pairs and tie them as well. Continue tying the two adjacent stings till you have a series of half diamonds. Make sure all the knots line up as best as you can to make a good net.

