



Tribute Kendama String Replacement

This guide illustrates how to replace a broken or damaged kendama string on a Tribute Kendama.

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INTRODUCTION

Every kendama player has experienced a broken string or a knot coming undone. It can be frustrating dealing with frayed strings and lost beads. These steps should quickly get your kendama back into its prime condition.

TOOLS:

- Utility Scissors (1)

PARTS:

- Kendama String (1)

Step 1 — Replacing a Tribute Kendama String



- Remove the damaged string and the small plastic bead completely, using scissors if necessary.
- *i* If knots have come undone, but the string is intact, follow the knot tying instructions under step 5.

Step 2



- Place the body of the kendama face down.
- *i* The big cup should be on the right-hand side.

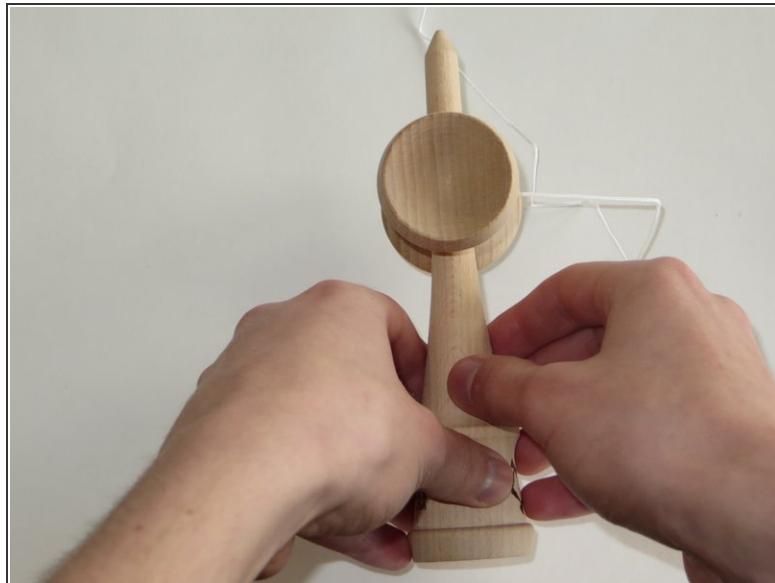
Step 3



- Begin by inserting one end of the new string straight through the hole at the crosspiece.

(i) The official minimum kendama string length is 38 cm or about 15 inches. Longer strings provide players with more of a challenge.

Step 4



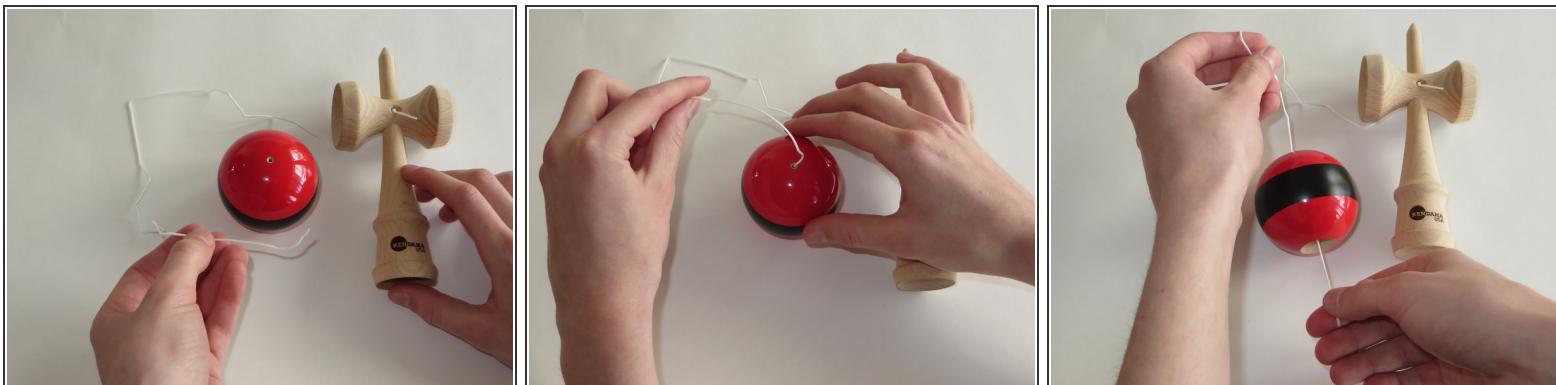
- Flip the kendama over to the other side, so that the big cup is now on the left-hand side.
- Pull the end of the string until it extends about an inch out of the hole. This will be used to tie the knot.

Step 5



- To tie the knot, begin by taking the inch of extended string and making a small loop.
- Put the tip of the string through the loop.
- Put the tip of the string through the loop a second time to strengthen the knot. Pull the knot tight.

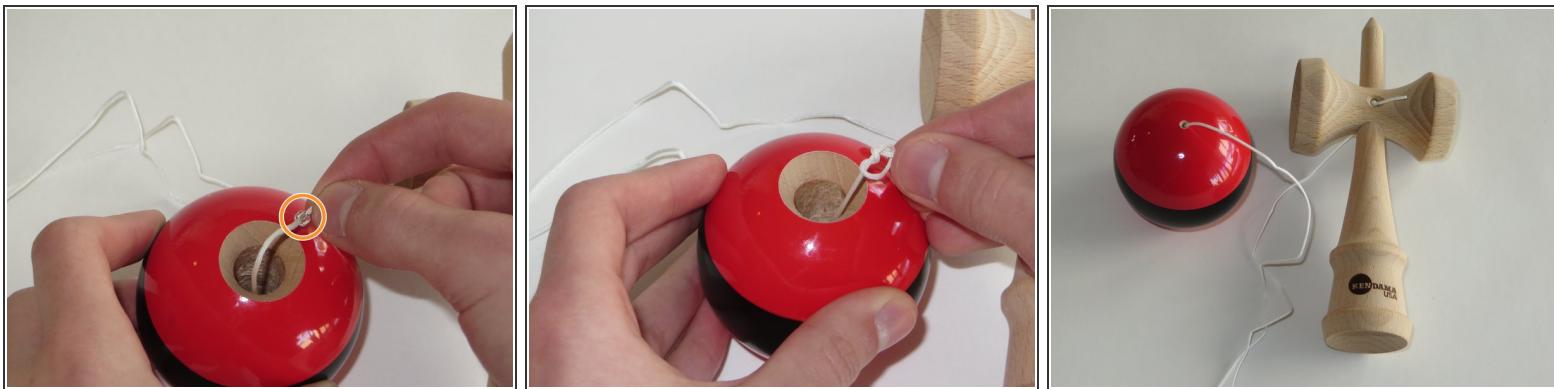
Step 6



- Now, we will attach the ball.
- Begin by placing the ball upright, with the small hole on top.
- Insert the free end of the string through the small hole, and continue pushing it through until it comes out the big hole on the bottom.

i Wetting the string or dipping it in glue will make the string straighter and easier to thread through the ball.

Step 7



- Thread the free end of the string through a small plastic bead, and allow the bead to slide down into the ball.
- Now, with about an inch of string extending out from the big hole, we will tie a knot on the free end of the string, just like what was done in step 5.

(i) Adjust the two knots to reach your preferred string length.

- The kendama is ready to go!

Strings are bound to become damaged through excessive kendama use. However, these steps should save you plenty of time and frustration when repairing your beloved kendama.

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