

# Make your own survival elk grunt tube lanyard



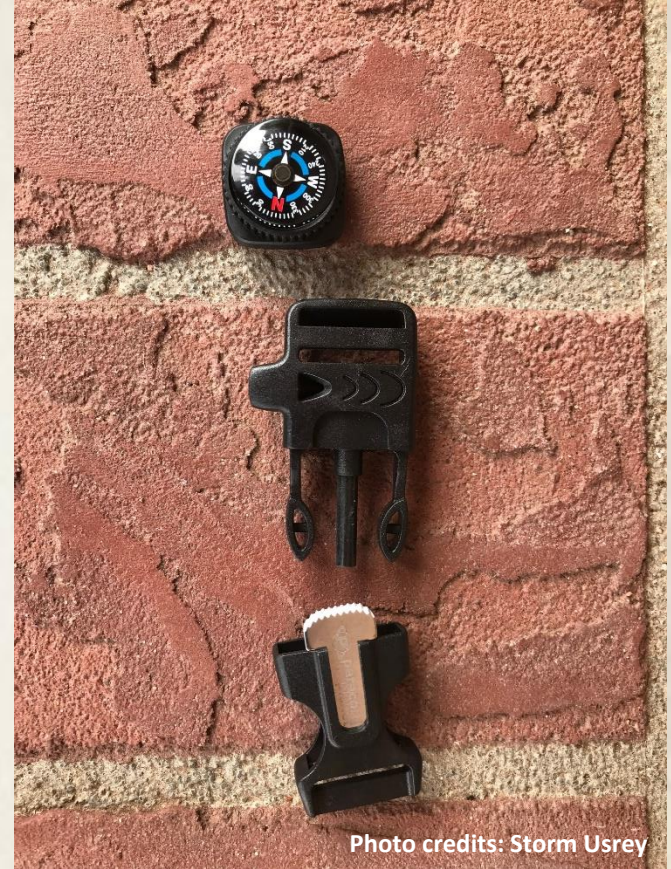
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# Equipment needed

- Approximately 30-feet of paracord
  - Two, 10-ft. pieces (When you cut your sections of paracord, make sure to burn the ends.)
  - Two, 5-ft. pieces (When you cut your sections of paracord, make sure to burn the ends.)
- $\frac{3}{4}$  inch survival buckle (I used one with a built-in whistle and flint rod.)
- Compass (Use one that can slide or be braided into the lanyard. I found one that would fit up to a 20mm flat watch strap.)
- Elk grunt tube of choice
- Sharp knife for cutting paracord
- Measuring tape for measuring paracord
- Hammer for flattening burnt ends of paracord (This makes it easier to get them through the buckles.)
- Lighter for burning ends of cut paracord



# Clips that have a whistle & flint rod



Here is the  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. clip, with whistle and flint rod, and the compass I used in the grunt tube lanyard. I would not recommend using this particular compass as your primary navigation, but it is great to have as your backup. The same goes for the flint rod as a fire source.



# Step 1



Find the mid-point of each of your four pieces of paracord. The two 5-ft. pieces will go on one end of the buckle/clip and the two 10 ft. pieces will go on the other side. Feed the mid-point of each piece through the buckle/clip and run the two ends you have back through the loop that is formed to secure. You will have four pieces of paracord that you can braid using a simple flat braid on each side of the buckle/clip. I recommend a loose braid versus trying to get it too tight. I also found that if I needed to run the ends of the paracord through the buckle versus feeding the midpoint, that flattening the burnt ends with a hammer made it easier to accomplish this.

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# Step 2



Take the end labeled #4 and take it over the top of #3. This is the first step to beginning your four-strand flat braid.



# Step 3



Take #1 and go behind #2. This is the next step in your flat braid.

# Step 4



Take #1 and go over the top of #4. This will complete one row of your flat braid. For your next row of your flat braid, you will repeat the steps, but your numbers will change. For example, #3 will go over #1, #2 will go behind #4 and then you will finish your second row by taking #2 over the top of #3. Just keep repeating the steps of over, under and over.



# Step 5



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The compass I used is made to slip on a watchband, so I easily took my middle two paracord strands through the compass and slid the compass up to where I left off with my braid. At that point, I continued my four-strand flat braid. You can affix your compass where you like within your lanyard. This compass can be used as a backup to your primary source of navigation.



# Step 6



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I tied an overhand knot where my braid ended. On my long side, I braided the paracord until I had approximately 2'6" and the short side approximately 8" of braid. You can use whatever knot would work the best where the braid ends. I wanted to make sure that I had approximately 18-24" of loose paracord strands below my knot, or braid, to tie an overhand sliding knot with two strands of paracord at the same time. This would give me two overhand sliding knots per side to affix the lanyard to my elk grunt tube.



# Step 7



Here is one of my overhand sliding knots I tied using two of my loose ends. I also tied a second overhand sliding knot with the remaining two strands from the same side. You will have two overhand sliding knots per side of your lanyard to affix to your elk grunt tube. You can find tutorials on the internet for making this knot and any sliding knot should suffice.



# Step 8

Affix your grunt tube to your lanyard, and you are finished.

Having a few extra tools on a lanyard is not a bad idea, and they didn't add much weight. This lanyard is also sturdy and should not break. You can easily tie on a piece of string or an artificial downy feather to aid in finding wind direction.

Once built, you have a backup fire source, a backup navigation source, 30' of paracord for multiple uses, a whistle for signaling and a spare clip that can possibly be used on your hunting pack if one breaks in the backcountry.



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# Thank you!



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