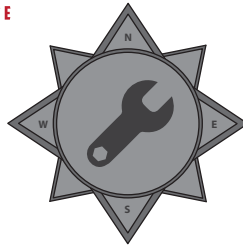# HOW TO STORE AN ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORD

Have you ever needed to use an electrical extension cord? Did you spend the first five minutes trying to untangle it? I bet you did. It doesn't seem to matter how well you try to wrap it neatly, when it comes the time to use it ... good luck.

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- Get hold of an extension cord and practice wrapping it (at least ten times) until you can wrap it easily every time and know the method by heart.
- Look around your house for any extension cords (25 feet or longer) and wrap them up. Others will thank you later.

Well, until some worthy inventor gives us a non-tangle cord, there is a tried and tested method for wrapping an electrical cable that will save you a bucket load of frustration.

So, here are the simple steps:

1. Make sure the cord is untangled to begin with. Then plug the male and female ends together.

2. Close to the connected end, holding the two cables together, create a loop and pass around 12 inches of the remaining cable through the loop, this creates a new loop.

3. Make a chain by successively passing around 18 inches of the remaining cable through the new loop you have made. Keep the loops loose, remember we are not trying to tie this up, but simply store it so it's ready to use.

4. Continue until you get to the end of the cable. Pass the end of the cable back through the last loop to create a hang tab. Pull tight to secure the cable.

5. Next time you want to use the cable, undo your "hang tag" and the cord will come apart for you.