Tzitzit: Knots and Wraps

Tzitzit strings have five knots separating four wraps of strings. This applies to *tzitzit* whether on a *talit katan* or *talit gadol*. The minimum length for *tzitzit* strings:

- From the first to fifth knots--at least 4 inches;
- From the fifth knot to the bottom (lower end) of the strings—at least 8 inches.

The wraps go around the entire bunch of strings as follows:

- At top but below the first knot: 7 times
- Below the second knot: 8 times
- Below the third knot: 11 times, and
- Above the bottom knot: 13 times

NOTE The total of the wraps' *gematria* values (7+ 8+ 11 + 13 = 39) equals the *gematria* values of *Hashem* (one of God's names*)* *Echad* (is One), as follows:
Hashem (spelled: yud, heh, vav, heh) = 26
Echad (spelled: alef, chet, daled) = 13
Hashem + *Echad* = 26 + 13 = **39**

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