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(54) **A knitted filament**

(57) A knitted filament (10), which may be in the form of a dental floss, comprises a first thread (12) of a non-elastomeric material, and a second thread (14) of an

elastomeric material, knitted together. The filament (10) can be formed by knitting the threads together using a single needle (16) to knit each thread alternatively through a loop formed by the other thread.

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