

Heavy Metals Rock Kumihimo Bracelet

Project B2334

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Surround your wrist in a splash of color with this 12 warp Kumihimo Beaded Bracelet.

What You'll Need

BeadSmith Super-Lon (S-Lon) Cord - Size 18 Twisted Nylon - Navy Blue (77 Yard Spool)

SKU: XCR-4624

Project uses 1 Spool



Miyuki Round Seed Beads, 11/0 Size, 8.5 Gram Tube, 1052 Galvanized Dyed Yellow Gold

SKU: DMRR-1052

Project uses 1 Tube



Miyuki Round Seed Beads, 11/0 Size, 8.5 Gram Tube, MIX23 Heavy Metals Mix

SKU: DMRR-MIX23

Project uses 1 Tube



Magnetic Clasp, Tube Cord Ends Fits 6.2mm Cord, 1 Set, Gold Plated

SKU: FCR-4247

Project uses 1 piece



Eurotool Super New Glue - Heavy Duty Adhesive - 3 Gram Bottle

SKU: XTL-1059

Project uses 1 piece



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-5700] Fiskars 5 Precision Tip Scissors - Super Sharp, [XTL-6063] Gator Weight For Kumihimo Braiding - 1.6 Ounces (1), [XTL-6095] Beadsmith Lightweight Kumihimo Round Disc Disk For Japanese Braiding and Cording 35mm Hole, [XTL-6108] No Tangle Flexible Plastic Thread Bobbins For Kumihimo Or Macrame 2 1/2 Inch (8 Pack), [XTL-4001] Beadsmith Bent Fine Point Tweezers For Bead And Pearl Knotting



Instructions

Please note that you will need 12 bobbins for this project. You will also need a toothpick or scrap of wire. These instructions will give you a 6.5 inch bracelet. To adjust the length, simply modify the length of the braid. Note: if you would like a longer braid you may need to purchase additional tubes of beads.

1. Please watch our video: How to Do a 12 Warp Kumihimo Round Braid. In this video, we walk you through the technique and braiding pattern of making a 12 Warp Kumihimo Braid.
2. Begin by cutting off 6 lengths of S-Lon cord, 10 feet each. Fold each of the cords in half. Find the midpoint and tie an overhand knot to create one big loop.
3. Thread the knot down through the center of the Kumihimo disc. Attach the gator clip to the knot.

4. Place one cord in between the 30 and 31. Then another cord in between the 14 and 15.
5. Place one cord in between the 29 and 30. Then another cord in between the 13 and 14.
6. Place one cord in between the 1 and 2. Then another cord in between the 17 and 18.
7. Place one cord in between the 2 and 3. Then another cord in between the 18 and 19.
8. Place one cord in between the 23 and 24. Then another cord in between the 24 and 25.
9. Place one cord in between the 7 and 8. Then another cord in between the 8 and 9.
10. To the last four cords you placed (the ones between the 23 and 24, 24 and 25, 7 and 8, 8 and 9), string on 50 gold beads onto each strand and wind their bobbins. If you are having trouble stringing your beads, you can use the Super New Glue to make a stiff needle to will help you.
11. To the other cords, string 50 beads from the Heavy Metals Mix to each strand and wind their bobbins.
12. To begin the braiding process, take the cord between the 18 and 19 and move it up so it is between the 28 and 29.
13. Take the cord between the 30 and 31 and move it down so it is between the 16 and 17.
14. Take the cord between the 14 and 15 and move it up so it is between the 32 and 1.
15. Take the cord between the 2 and 3 and move it down so it is between the 12 and 13.
16. Rotate 90 degrees Counter-Clockwise.
17. Take the cord between the 24 and 25 and move it up so it is between the 6 and 7.
18. Take the cord between the 8 and 9 and move it down so it is between the 22 and 23.
19. Rotate 90 degrees Counter-Clockwise.
20. Now repeat the braiding process as seen in the video, the numbers will change because we are rotating the disc. Braid about 1.5 inches before beginning to add the beads.
21. To see how to add the beads, please watch our video: How to Add Beads to a 12 Warp Kumihimo. Note: your cords may have a different number placement once you have worked around the disc as you can see in the video. Don't worry about when you start adding your beads as long as you are done with one rotation and back to the beginning of the braiding process with your four "gold bead" cords out to the sides.
22. Braid until you have about 6 inches with the beads, you can adjust from here if you want it longer. Keep in mind your magnetic clasp will add about 1/2 inch.
23. Once you have added all of your beads, continue to braid without beads for about 1.5 inches. Remove the gator weight, and cut off the bobbins. Remove the braid from the disc and gather them together to make an overhand knot.
24. Take a scrap of cord and tie it around the braided portion without the beads, as close as you can get it to the beads and then wind it around the braid to bulk it up, as seen in the first video. Tie another overhand knot with the tails. And one extra one around the back for security.
25. Place a tiny dab of glue on to the knots before trimming the cords. Once the glue is dry, trim the ends. Repeat on the other side.
26. On one side cut the braid and trim the tails. Place a dab of glue into the well of the magnetic clasp and place the end of the braid into the well. You may find it helpful to use a chain nose plier to get a nice snug fit. Repeat on the other side. Allow your bracelet to dry, unclaspd for 24 hours before wearing.

*Note: In the video for How to Add Beads, you will also see a technique for how to get a bead unstuck from the braid with a pair of bent nose tweezers.