

Stormy Skies Kumihimo Bracelet

Project B2380

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A Kumihimo braid of gray and white are spiraled together in this bracelet and the sleek Finishing Touches Collection by TierraCast help to add a little embellishment to the clasp to punctuate the design.

What You'll Need

Toho Round Seed Beads 8/0 #41F Opaque Frosted White 8 Gram Tube

SKU: JSH-0225

Project uses 1 Tube



Toho Round Seed Beads 8/0 150 'Ceylon Smoke' 8 Gram Tube

SKU: JSH-0066

Project uses 1 Tube



Super-Lon (S-Lon) Cord - Size #18 Twisted Nylon - Gray (77 Yard Spool)

SKU: XCR-4613

Project uses 1 Spool



Cord End, Roped Dome 16mm, Fits 8mm Cord, Antiqued Silver, 2 Pieces, By TierraCast

SKU: FCR-4263

Project uses 2 pieces



TierraCast Silver Plated Pewter Bali Detail Toggle Clasp 16.5mm

SKU: FCL-7039

Project uses 1 piece



Silver Plated Open Jump Rings Oval 4x6mm 20 Gauge (50)

SKU: FJR-3906

Project uses 2 pieces



E6000 Industrial Strength Glue Adhesive (0.18 fl oz)

SKU: XTL-1054

Project uses 1 piece



Recommended Tools:

[PL5510] Tronex Tools, Smooth Bent Nose Pliers with Standard Handle and Tip Protector 5 Inches Long, 1 Piece, [PL5130] Tronex Tools, Short Chain Nose Pliers with Standard Handle and Tip Protector 5 Inches Long, 1 Piece, [XTL-5700] Fiskars 5 Precision Tip Scissors - Super Sharp, [XTL-6095] Beadsmith Lightweight Kumihimo Round Disc Disk For Japanese Braiding and Cording 35mm Hole, [XTL-6103] Beadsmith No Tangle Flexible Plastic Thread Bobbins For Kumihimo Or Macrame 1 7/8 Inch (8 Pack), [XTL-6063] Gator Weight For Kumihimo Braiding - 1.6 Ounces (1)

Instructions

These instructions will give you an 7 inch bracelet. To modify the length, adjust the length of the braided portion accordingly. Note: You will also need some tape and a toothpick or scrap of wire for this project.

1. Please watch our video: How to Braid Beaded Kumihimo and Make a Bracelet. In this video you will learn how to do a 8 Strand Kumihimo Bracelet. From what you learned in the video you will cut 8 strands 4 feet in length each.
2. Gather all 8 cord ends and tie a simple overhand knot tying them all together. Holding the board facing up, thread this knot through the center hole.
3. Place the cords to the left and right of the 32 dot as well as to the left and right of the 16 dot. You will then want to place a cord to the left and right of the 24 dot and to the left and right of the 8 dot. Attach your weight to the knot after you have positioned your cords.
4. Now string 40 gray beads on to the strand that is between the 7 and 8 notch. Repeat for the strands between the 16 and 17 notch, the 24 and 25 notch and the 31 and 32 notch.
5. Now string 40 white beads on to the strand that is between 8 and 9 notch. Repeat for the strands between the 15 and 16 notch; the 23 and 24 notch and the 32 and 1 notch.
6. Begin the braiding as shown on in the video. Braid about one inch of cord before you begin adding the beads.
7. Continue braiding until you have added all of your beads, or reached your desired length. Then continue braiding and finish with 1 inch of braiding without beads, same as you did at the beginning.
8. Carefully take the braid off of the disc, trim the bobbins off and tie an overhand knot.
9. To see an example of this finishing technique you can watch the end of our video: How to Make the Deluxe Beaded Kumihimo Bracelet Kit with Spiral Bicone Focal. To attach the clasp, take a length of super-lon cord and tie an overhand knot over the braided portion of the end of the Kumihimo without the beads. Tie a second overhand knot to secure. Then take the tails and wrap around the braided portion to bulk up the tail end. When it is the right bulk to fit in the well of the clasp, tie another knot to secure and trim the ends with your scissors.
10. Trim the end of the braided portion so it fits inside the well of the cord end. Using a toothpick or scrap of wire, add a dab of E6000 to the well. Place the end of the braid into the cord end. Set aside. Move to the other end of the bracelet and repeat the above steps.
11. Leave the cord ends to dry at least 20 minutes, then open one jump ring and attach one end of the toggle clasp to one cord end and close the jump ring. Repeat on the other side with the other end of the toggle clasp.