

Tally Wrap Bracelet

Project B1038

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Soft Flex beading wire is braided into a delicate, intricate kumihimo braid in this eye-catching wrap bracelet. Give a your kumihimo jewelry a whole new look!

What You'll Need

Soft Flex Beading Wire Lot Trio Set Mystical Red Pink Purple .019 Inch - 10 Ft. Per Color

SKU: XCR-5692

Project uses 1 package



Silver Plated Magnetic Tube Cord Ends/Clasps - Fits Up To 3.2mm Cord (4 Sets)

SKU: FCR-4227

Project uses 1 set



Silver Plated Curved Noodle Tube Beads 5mm x 14mm (25)

SKU: BMB-4060

Project uses 6 pieces



E6000 Industrial Strength Glue Adhesive (0.18 fl oz)

SKU: XTL-1054

Project uses 1 package



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-5600] Xuron Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - Wire/Soft Flex, [XTL-6095] Beadsmith

Lightweight Kumihimo Round Disc Disk For Japanese Braiding and Cording, [XTL-6063] Gator

Weight For Kumihimo Braiding - 1.6 Ounces (1), [XTL-3000] Bead Stopper- Stop Beads

Sliding Off Stringing Material

Instructions

1. Watch the instructional video: How to Make a Simple 8-Warp Kumihimo Braid Bracelet. This video will show you how to do an 8-warp round kumihimo braid. You don't need to follow the instructions on how to make your braid into a bracelet, just use the instructions on the braiding technique.
2. Begin by cutting three 3' strands of amethyst and pink tourmaline Soft Flex beading wire. Then cut two 3' strands of spinel (red) Soft Flex beading wire.
3. Tie your beading wires together in an overhand knot about 3-4 inches from one end. Place a small kumihimo weight onto this end, attaching it at the knot to ensure it stays tied while you work.
4. Braid your beading wires together in an 8-warp kumihimo braid as demonstrated in the video. Your braid should be slightly loose, about 3mm in diameter total. See the photos for reference. Continue braiding until you reach the end of your beading wire.
5. Remove your beading wires from the kumihimo disk and place a bead stopper at the end of the braiding. Remove the weight and place a bead stopper at this end too.
6. Wrap some transparent tape (the kind you use when wrapping presents) very snugly around one end of the braiding just before the bead stopper. Remove the bead stopper and trim the wire on the loose end of the tape.

7. Wrap your braid several times around your wrist and see how much of the end you want to take off to bring it around to meet the taped end. Tape the other end at this point and trim the excess.

8. Slide six silver plated curved tube beads onto the braid.

9. Trim the taped ends about halfway through the tape, being careful not to loosen the tape. Place the ends into a silver plated magnetic tube clasp to make sure that the tape will not hang out of the tube. If necessary, trim a bit more.

10. Place some E6000 glue into the ends of the tube clasp and insert the taped ends into the clasp ends. Make sure that they are all the way in, and allow to dry for at least an hour before continuing.

11. Arrange the tube beads where you would like them along the length of your bracelet. One at a time, move the bead over about 1/2", place some E6000 on the braid where you want the bead, and move the braid back over the glue. Do this with all six beads.

12. Allow all glue to dry for at least 24 hours before wearing.