

Ladies Anchor Bracelet

Project B1077

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Give your outfit a nautical look with this braided bracelet featuring a two color knot and a petite anchor clasp.

What You'll Need

Beadsmith Navy Denim Blue Faux Leather Suede Beading Cord 9Ft (3 Yd) Spool

SKU: XCR-43111

Project uses 1 spool



Beadsmith White Faux Leather Suede Beading Cord 9Ft (3 Yd) Spool

SKU: XCR-43120

Project uses 1 spool



Griffin Silk Beading Cord & Needle Size 16 White

SKU: XCR-9101

Project uses 1 foot



Antiqued Brass Large Capsule Bead Caps 8x8mm (10)

SKU: BMB-6000

Project uses 2 pieces



TierraCast Brass Oxide Finish Pewter Anchor Charm 19.5mm (2)

SKU: PND-7740

Project uses 1 piece



E6000 Industrial Strength Glue Adhesive (0.18 fl oz)

SKU: XTL-1054

Project uses 1 tube



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-5600] Xuron Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - Wire/Soft Flex, [XTL-5700] Fiskars 5 Precision

Tip Scissors - Super Sharp, [XTL-5511] Beadsmith Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat

Nose



Instructions

Decide how long you'd like your finished bracelet to be, usually about 1/2 to 1" larger than your wrist measurement. These instructions are for a 6.5" bracelet, so adjust your measurements accordingly.

1. Before you begin, watch the video: How to Make a Round Braid Knotted Anchor Bracelet. This video will show you how to make the whole project, which I will also walk you through here.

2. For a 6.5" bracelet, cut four 13" lengths of navy blue ultra suede cord. Tie these together in an overhand knot right at the top. Braid the cords into a round braid as demonstrated in this video, making sure your finished braid is just a bit over 6.5". Wrap the ends in transparent tape, with just about 4mm of the tape on the part of the braid you'll use, and the rest of the width on the extra part of the braid. Use a pair of flush cutters to cut through the braid at the

measured point in the tape.

3. Repeat the last step to create a second braided piece using white ultra suede cord.

4. Use a pair of chain nose pliers to gently bend the opening of an antique brass large capsule bead cap slightly so that the opening is more oval shaped instead of round. Repeat with the second bead cap.

5. Cut a 6" piece of white size 16 Griffin silk cord. Put both ends (one at a time) down through the top of a bead cap. You can put some glue on the tips and allow them to dry if necessary to keep them from fraying. Place a scrap of cord in the loop at the top (to stop it from pulling through) and pull the ends down until the scrap string stops the cord. Tie an overhand knot in the ends about 1/2" from the end of the loop. Pull the loop up so that the knot sits just inside the bead cap's hole.

6. Holding the two ends of the navy braid together side by side, place some E6000 glue on the tips. Hold the silk cord to one side of the bead cap and slide the glued braid ends in, pushing them all the way to the end. Allow to dry thoroughly before moving on.

7. Cut another 6" piece of silk cord. Fold it in half and tie a lark's head knot around the loop on a 19.5mm brass oxide pewter anchor pendant. Put the ends of the cord down through the top of the 2nd bead cap. Tie a knot and use pliers to push the knot down into the bead cap as far as you can.

8. Fold the white braid in half and bring the ends around and up through the loop of the navy braid, as shown in the first video.

9. Holding the two ends of the white braid together side by side, place some E6000 glue on the tips. Hold the silk cord to one side of the bead cap and slide the glued braid ends in, pushing them all the way to the end. Allow to dry thoroughly before moving on.

10. Use a pair of flush cutters to trim the silk cord ends close to the edge of the bead caps.

11. Bring the cord loop around the prongs of the anchor to close your bracelet.