

Mod Mushroom Kumihimo Bracelet

Project B7023

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The puffy, rounded shape of these Czech glass mushroom beads adds a whimsical touch to this substantial kumihimo bracelet. Mod and funky!

What You'll Need

Czech Glass, Mushroom Beads 6x5mm, 50 Pieces, White Travertine Blue

SKU: BCT-248

Project uses 60 pieces



Czech Glass, Mushroom Beads 6x5mm, 50 Pieces, Jet Bronze

SKU: BCT-233

Project uses 60 pieces



Czech Glass Druk 4mm Round 'Amethyst' (100)

SKU: BCP-7445

Project uses 120 pieces



BeadSmith Super-Lon Cord - Size 18 Twisted Nylon - Medium Purple / 77 Yard Spool

SKU: XCR-4250

Project uses 26 feet



Silver Plated Large Glue-In Toggle Clasp - Fits 6.2mm Cord (2 Sets)

SKU: FCL-7484

Project uses 1 piece



E6000 Industrial Strength Glue Adhesive (0.18 fl oz)

SKU: XTL-1054

Project uses 1 piece



Recommended Tools:

[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-6063] Gator Weight For Kumihimo Braiding - 1.6 Ounces (1), [XTL-5700] Fiskars 5 Precision Tip Scissors - Super Sharp



Instructions

These instructions will make a 6 1/2 inch bracelet. For a longer or shorter bracelet, adjust the number of beads loaded onto each strand of your kumihimo braid. You will also need a scrap of wire or toothpick for this project.

1. Begin by watching our video on how to braid beaded kumihimo and make a bracelet.
2. Based on the technique shown in the video, cut eight 3 foot lengths of purple S-lon cord and tie an overhand knot to tie them together at one end.

3. String 30 round amethyst 4mm beads onto four of the strands.
4. String 30 blue travertine mushroom beads onto two of the strands.
5. String 30 bronze mushroom beads onto the last two strands.
6. Wind your threads in the bobbins as shown in the video.
7. Arrange the threads in your kumihimo disc in the following order: two strands of amethyst round beads on either side of the 32 dot at the top, two strands of amethyst round beads on either side of the 16 dot at the bottom, two strands of blue mushroom beads on either side of the 24 dot at the left, and two strands of bronze mushroom beads on either side of the 8 dot at the right. Attach your weight to the knot after you have positioned your cords.
8. Begin braiding without beads for about 1 inch. Then begin adding beads to your braid.
9. Once you reach the end of the beaded section, continue to braid without beads for another 1 inch. Then knot your threads and cut off the excess S-lon.
10. Next, watch our video on how to tie off and finish kumihimo braid ends. Based on the "build up" technique shown in the video, use an extra 1 foot of S-lon to wrap one end of the bracelet close to the beading, to add thickness so the braid fits snugly into the glue-in toggle clasp. Leave 1/2 inch of wrapped braiding and cut off the rest. Repeat on the other end of the bracelet.
11. Glue one end of the braid into one piece of the glue-in toggle clasp using E6000 (you can use a toothpick or scrap of wire to spread the glue). Repeat on the other side of the bracelet. Set aside to dry overnight.
12. Your bracelet is ready to wear!