



There will be no shortage of
friendships
with these bracelets around!

From simple knots and braids
to detailed patterns, we've got
bracelet ideas for friendships
of all shapes and sizes.

Make it yourself!
You can find step-by-step
instructions for these and other
designs on pages 7-12.



» *Ring Me* We know you're big on bracelets. But why should wrists have all the fun? Try cutting things short with a hip little friendship ring. This one features a fun zigzag stripe pattern. We used fabric glue to keep the ends from unraveling, and after we sized it, we used more glue to close it up. Love it!

« *Diamond in the Rough*
There's a gem in everybody's stash of old jewelry! Recycle your broken jewelry pieces into this chic, vintage-style friendship bracelet. Tie embroidery floss onto your prettiest bits and pieces, then simply braid and knot. It's super easy, and your friends will be dazzled!



« *Twinkle Twinkle* What sends this basic diagonal-striped bracelet over the moon? A sweet button closure and a collection of celestial charms that were looped in as we worked. (You'll find instructions for making this bracelet on page 8.)

« *Unending Friendships* Circles are like friendships—they have no end! And these friendship bracelets are a daily reminder! Pick up some steel rings from our Craft Department, and prime them with double-sided adhesive. Then wrap them in the embroidery thread of your choice! It's an easy look that proves that friendships don't have to be complicated!



« *How Charming* Looking for a way to charm your friends? Try this pink and black bracelet (*bottom*)! We simply cut a length of pink leather cording and knotted a loop at one end. Then we bundled the cording together with rhinestone trim (*available in the Fabric Department*). Some tightly wrapped embroidery thread tied it all together—and we finished with a coordinating button to act as a closure!



Earn Your Stripes

Whether you're a novice crafter or an absolute expert, show off your friendship bracelet skills with these dizzying stripes. Use an easy diagonal stripe pattern (page 8). But for kicks, loop your thread around lengths of glittery rhinestone trim after every other stripe.

Tip: You'll find the flashy trim in the Jewelry Department. (Instructions on page 8.)

» *Loose Ends* Got a mixed bag of leftover embroidery floss? Make every strand count with some multi-colored, multi-textured, mega-easy wristwear! Start by making a trio of basic, double-knotted bracelets—go hog wild with a mix of basic colors and flashy metallics if you've got them. Then, braid those bracelets together for maximum chunkiness. Done!





» Friendly Wave

What could be better than a friendly wave? A wave and loop friendship bracelet! The impressive design isn't nearly as difficult as it looks. (*Instructions on page 9.*)

» The More the Merrier

There's no such thing as too many friendship bracelets! Style them up, and then stack them up to show off your latest designs. We went all out here with a wave and loop bracelet, a beaded wrap knot (*instructions on page 10*) and braided combo, and some basic diagonal stripe bracelets to get this funky look. Lots of bracelets just means lots of friends!





Chevron Companions

Camaraderie and beaderly—a perfect combination! Embellish a double chevron stripe pattern by adding a section of beadwork. Just stop weaving when you want to insert the beads. Then, slide them on and pick up where you left off. It's deceptively simple...but what a wow factor! (Instructions on page 11.)



Triple Braided Cord

A friendship bracelet like this one can signify strength and steadfastness. And it's all about a stunning mix of textures. To get the look, braid metallic embroidery floss with stunning rhinestone trim (available in the Fabric Department). It's so unique, and best of all, it's a perfect project for beginners!

Tightly Woven Celebrate your tight group of friends with a group of similarly woven friendship bracelets. From chic wave and loop (peachy pink) to a chunky double knot chain (yellow; instructions on page 12), they're a terrific way to symbolize your unbreakable bond.

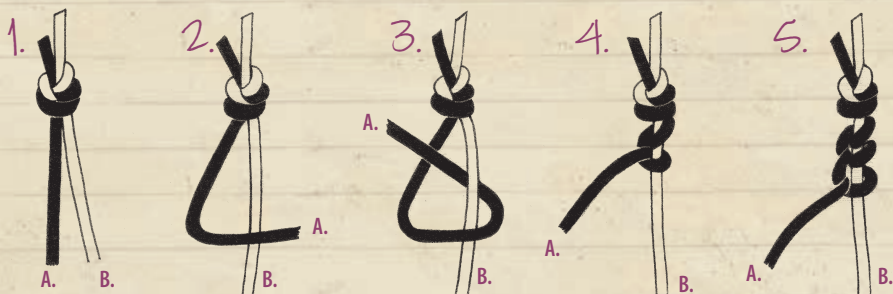


Instructions:

These knots will be the basis for all of your friendship bracelet designs. And remember, the knot isn't complete until you've completed the action twice.

That's right, always, always double knot!

Forward Knot

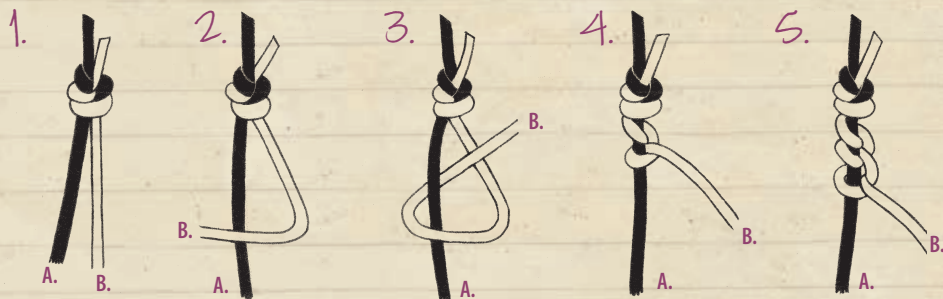


1. Hold string B straight and taut.

2. Place string A over string B to make the shape of a number "4."

3. 4. 5. Pull string A through to knot. Repeat.

Backward Knot

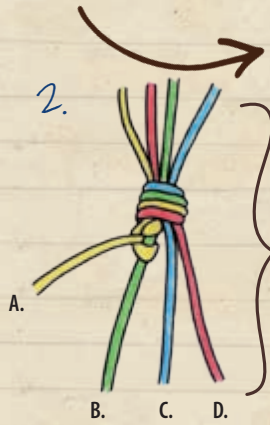
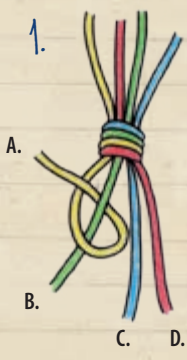


1. Hold string A straight and taut.

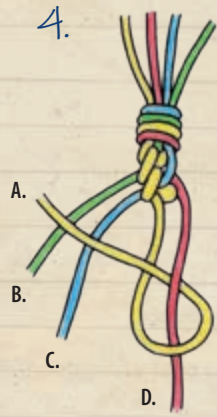
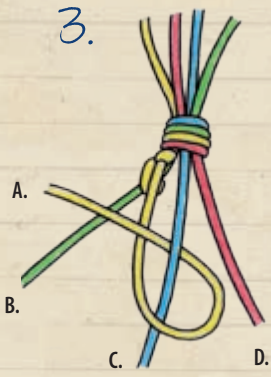
2. Place string B over string A to make the shape of a backward number "4."

3. 4. 5. Pull string B through to knot. Repeat.

Instructions: The Diagonal Stripe



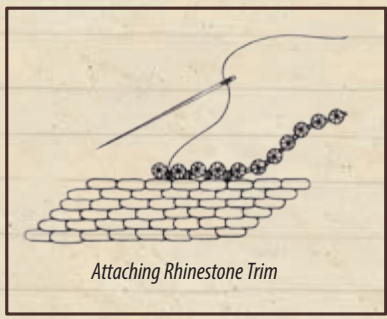
Cut lengths of four different colors of floss & knot together. When you've arranged your colors as desired, forward knot the string on the far left (strand A) to the string beside it (strand B).



Grasp string A again, and forward knot it to string C, string D and so on. When you're done, string A will be at the end of the line, and string B will be at the front. Grasp string B, and forward-knot from left to right again.



Repeat this process, always starting with the thread on the far left, until your bracelet is the desired length.

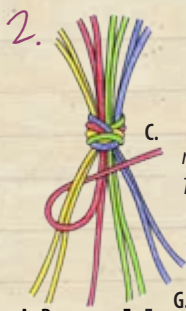


Instructions: The Wave and Loop



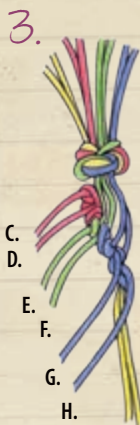
A. B. E. F.
C. D. G. H.

Cut 8 strings to the desired length. Knot them together, and clip, pin or tape them to your work surface. Arrange the strings in the order you wish them to appear—two strings (A and B) will serve as the anchor (or “backbone”) of the piece. Those strings should be placed on the far left.



A. B. D. E. F. G. H.

Grasp the thread immediately to the right of your anchor strings (string C). Tie a backward knot over both anchor strings A and B.



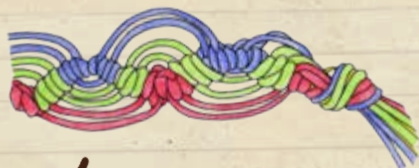
C. D. E. F.
G. H. A. B.

Repeat process with each thread until all threads are in on the left side of the anchor strings A and B.



C. D. E. F. G. H. A. B.

Working in the reverse order, tie a forward knot over the anchor strings A and B with each thread. When all threads are to the right of the anchor strings, repeat steps 2-3 until bracelet is the desired length.

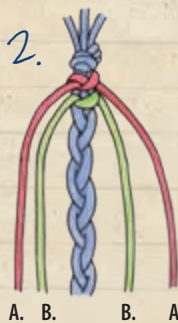


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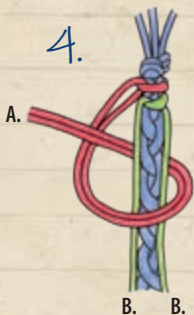
The Wrap Knot



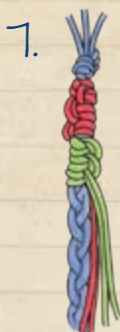
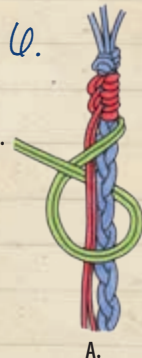
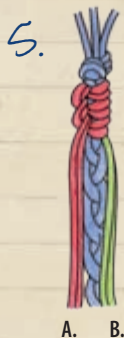
1. Braid three strings of embroidery floss to the length wanted for your finished bracelet. This will be the anchor or "backbone" of your bracelet.



2. Cut generous pieces of thread in colors of your choice, according to the length of the sections you wish to wrap. Tie on to anchor braid in the order you wish them to appear.



3. Bundle the B strings together with the anchor string. Grasp both ends of the A strings, and carefully wrap around the bundled strings. Work in a downward spiral, carefully aligning each row of thread. Knot to secure.



5. Grasp the B strings, and repeat wrapping process. Knot to secure. Continue with any subsequent colors.

Tip: For added interest, thread decorative beads onto floss as you wrap.

Instructions: The Chevron Stripe

1.

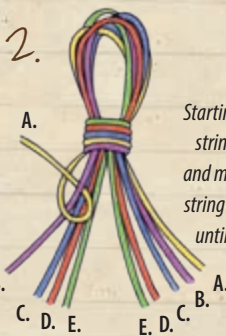


Cut one string of each desired color. Fold in half, and make a loop knot at the top to secure. Now you'll have 2 equal strings of each color to work with. Arrange them in a mirror-image pattern. We've labeled our diagram to make things clearer. Each letter represents a color.

A. B. C. D. E.

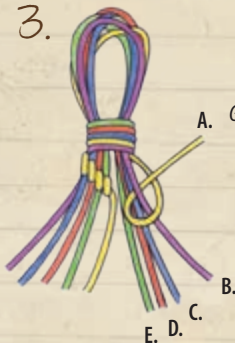
E. D. C. B. A.

2.



Starting on the left side, grasp string A (outermost string) and make a forward knot over string B. Repeat for each color until you reach the middle.

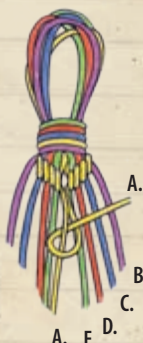
3.



A. Grasp the outermost string on the right side (string A), and make a backward knot over string B. Repeat for each color until you reach the middle.

E. D. C.

4.



Strings A and A will now be in the middle, side by side. Grasp the two middle strings, and connect them by making a backward knot.

A. B. C. D. E.

5.

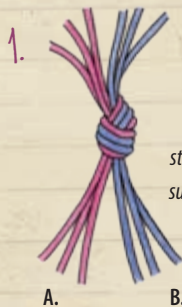


Repeat process until bracelet is desired length.

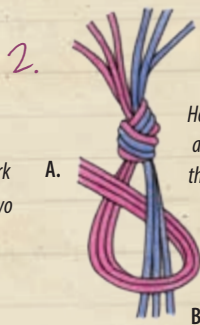
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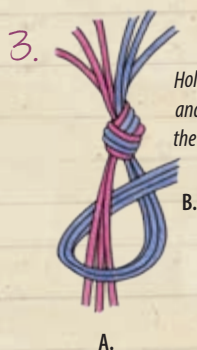
Instructions: The Double Knot Chain



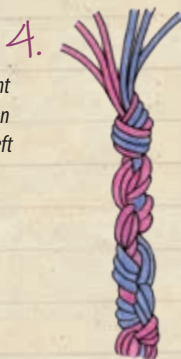
Choose two colors, and cut three equal strands of each. Knot the strands together and secure to work surface. Separate the colors into two bunches (A and B).



Hold the B strings on the right straight and taut. Then place the A strings on the left over the B strings on the right, and make a forward knot.



Hold the A strings on the left straight and taut. Then place the B strings on the right over the A strings on the left to make a backward knot.



Repeat process until bracelet is desired length.