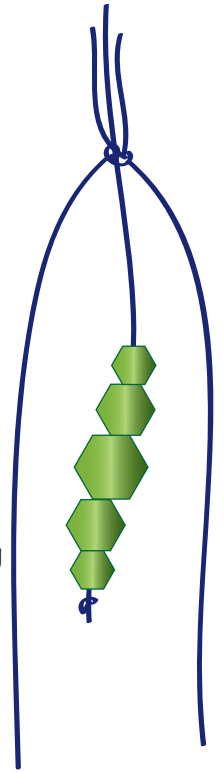


How to make a bracelet.

Step 1. Cut 3 lengths of cord. 1 x 2 feet long and 2 x 3 feet long. Knot all 3 strings together at the top leaving about half a foot of tail with an overhand knot (don't over pull this knot as you will have to remove it at a later stage) and string the beads on the shorter cord. Tie a knot at the end of this cord to stop the beads falling off. This cord will be your middle cord and you will make the knots with the other 2 longer cords around this middle one.

How to secure your work down.

Step 2. It helps if you have a board you can tie your work down to, as that way your work will be more secure and even. This can be a cork board you tie your work down to or anything similar, even if you tie your work to a leg of an upside down chair will help. You only need to tie all 3 strings down at the top and only the middle one (the one with the beads on) at the bottom. Leaving the 2 longer strings free to work with.



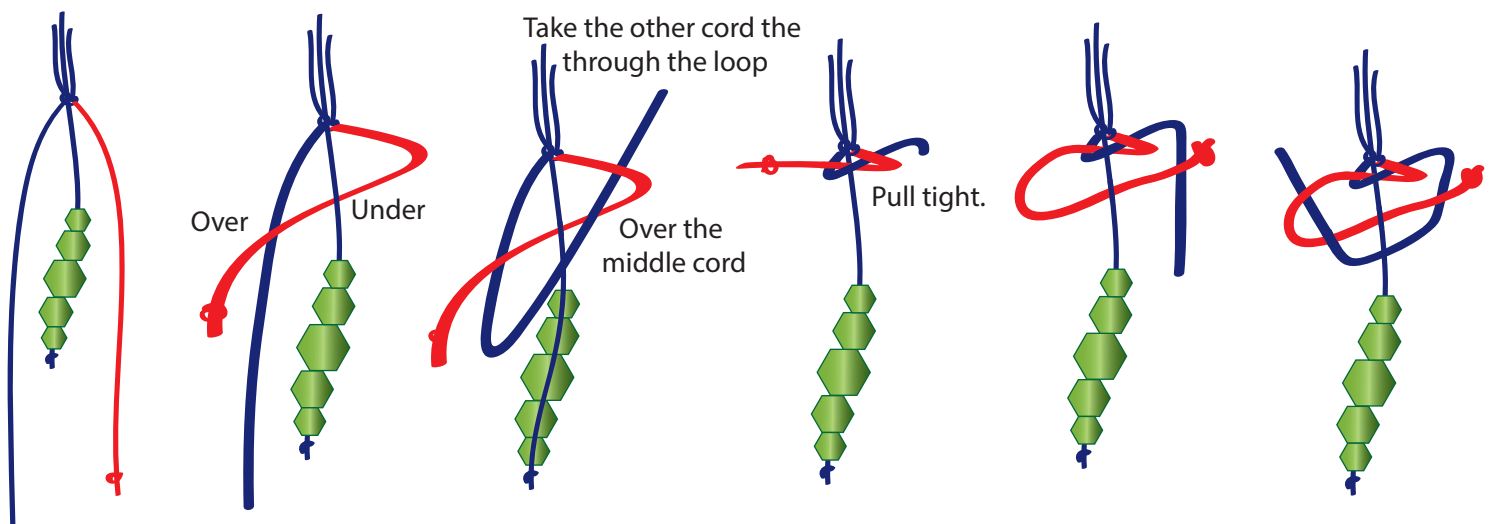
How to make your square knot.

Step 2. As you have 2 longer cords to work with, it is important that you don't mix these 2 up so tie a little knot on one of them and we will call this the lead cord. This cord will go first in every knot so it is important you know which one is it if you have to stop and start your project.

Step 3. Make sure your working cords are sitting to each side of your middle cord, take your leading knot under the middle cord and over the cord on the other side, but don't pull it tight just so you have a loop in a couple of inches in size.

Step 4. Take your other working cord and feed it through the loop you have created with the leading cord. Then pull your cords tight.

Step 5. Repeat steps 3 and 4, but this time your leading cord will start from the opposite side. Then continue making knots until you have your desired length. Keep in mind you have to start each knot with the leading cord (the one with the knot at the bottom of it).



How to make a bracelet.

Step 6. When you are ready to include the beads in the pattern, you just simply need to pull one up on your middle cord and do the knots as usual after the bead. Decide how many knots you want between each bead, keep pulling the beads up when they are needed and keep knotting until you reach your desired length. Keep in mind the slider clasp you will create on it will give you extra length..

How to do make a sliding closure.

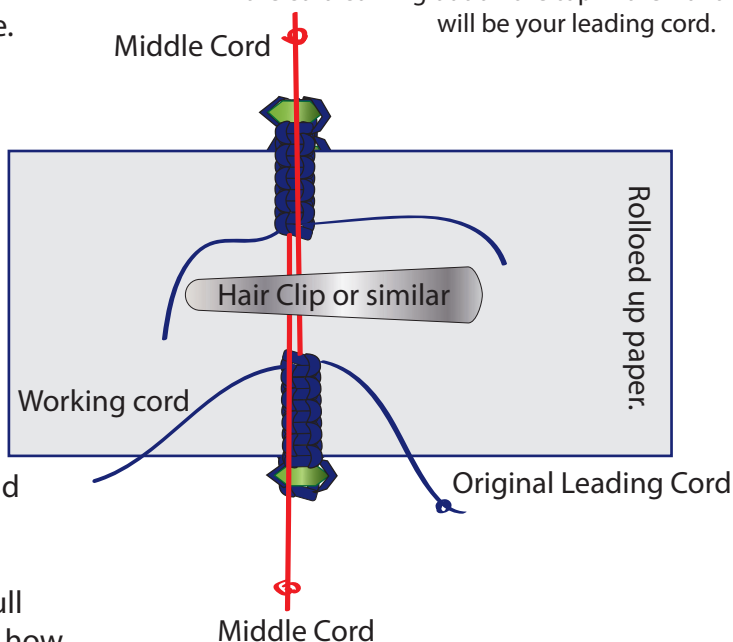
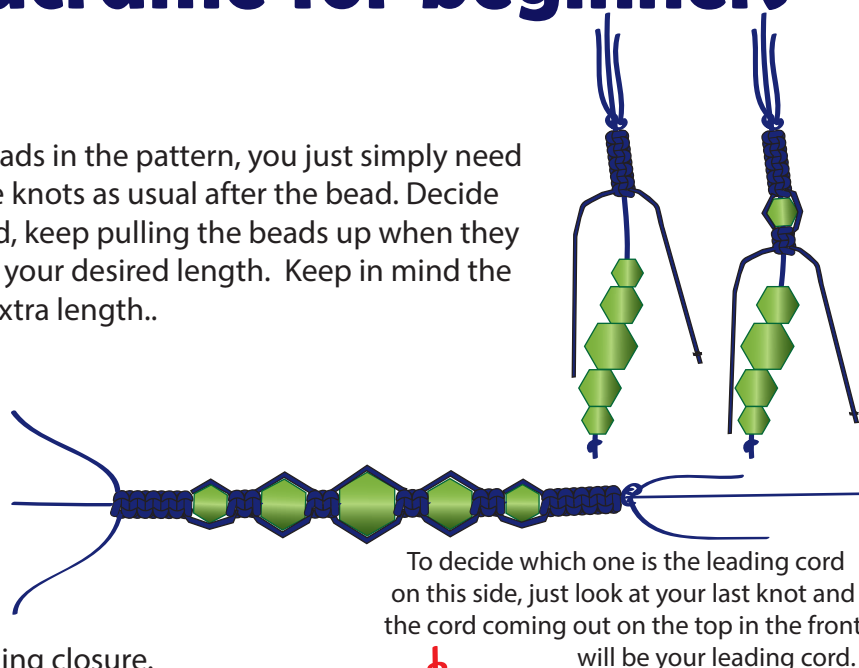
Step 7. Once you have your desired length, you need to make the sliding closure. Undo the knot on the top of your bracelet and add a few more knots if you have to so you have an equal number of knots before and after your beads.

Step 8. There are 2 ways you can do your sliding closure.

You can either add a tiny bit of glue to each end of the working cord where they come out of the last knot and trim them down and attach a new thread for the closure.

This will mean your bracelet will slide apart in 2 places when you open it. I however like to do it with the working cords already on my bracelet. Take some paper and wrap it into a tube, you can also use a tin or anything which is cylindrical in shape. Put your bracelet down vertically in front of you and place the tube or can on top of it. Then bring up the bottom middle cord into the top and the top middle cord to the bottom so they sit side by side. I usually at this point use a hair clip to hold them in place temporarily until I do some knots to secure them together. It is also advisable to add a little knot on both ends of the middle cords so you won't be able to pull it out by accident. The length of this cord will determine how much you can open your bracelet, so don't trim it too short. Then do a few knots on each side with your working cords. I usually do about 6 knots minimum, but you can add length to your bracelet here with more knots if needed. Glue your cords down with a dash of super glue applied with a toothpick for best results. Wait for glue to dry before trimming ends.

Explore different combinations of beads to get different looks. If you are struggling to thread the bead onto your cord then you could dab the end of the cord in some glue then roll it between your fingers to make it nice and round. Once the glue hardens you can put it through the beads easier. If you are comfortable to use lighters then you could burn off the end of the cord, by putting it in the flame for a couple of seconds then blow the flame out on the cord and quickly roll it between your fingers to form a thinner end to the cord.



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