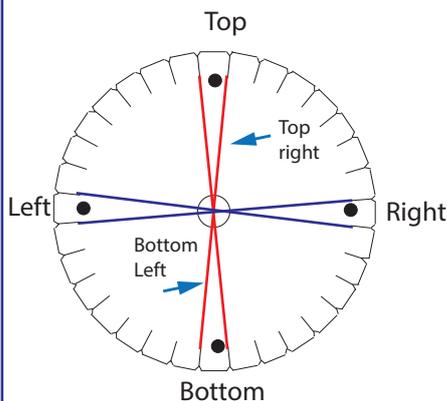
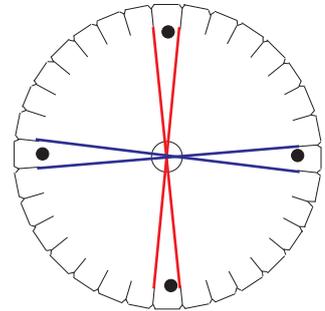


## Materials needed for this project

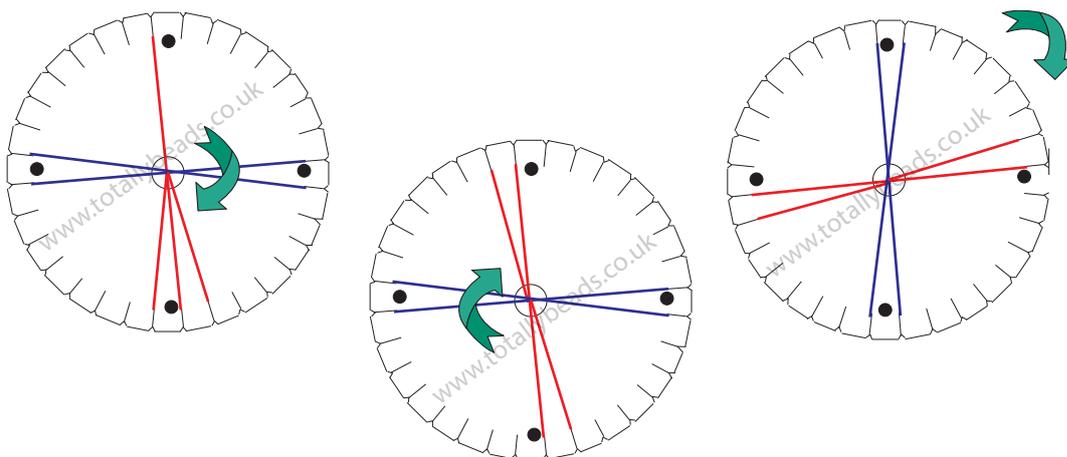
- 1 Reel of Nylon Thread
- 4mm Round faceted beads
- 4mm Glass Pearls
- Clasp
- Super Glue
- Kumihimo board

**Step 1.** Cut 8 pieces of invisible thread approx 60 - 70 cm each and put a knot on each end of the strings to create a stopper for the beads. 4 Strings will need to be 1 colour. On each string, thread on 24 beads. Now gather the open string ends of all 8 strands and tie them together in a knot.



**Step 2.** Drop the knot into the centre hole on the Kumihimo disk and place the strings into the slits on either side of the positioning dots. Make sure you set up your disk correctly at the beginning as this will determine the pattern you will have once braiding. There are 4 large dots on your disk and you will need to put one string on either side of each dot. 4 dots, each have 2 sides to take up your 8 strings. Now look at your strings carefully as you will need to set the same beads to either side of a dot the opposite dots have to have the same beads as well. For example for the top and bottom dots you will need to use 1 colour of bead and the left and right dots you will use the other colour of bead.

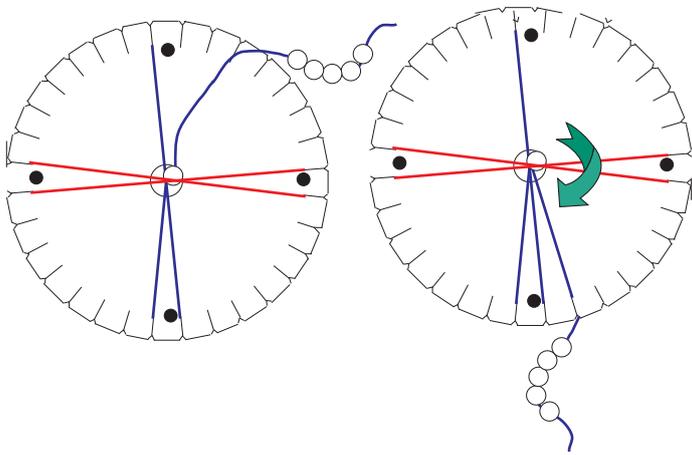
**Step 3.** To begin, you will need to braid the invisible thread without any beads to get approx 2cm length. You will need this when you want to glue the end in the clasp. Pick up your disk and don't worry about the numbers on there as there are only 3 steps to this braiding. You only have to work with the top right and bottom left strings, then turn your disk. Let's see this step by step with illustrations.



**Step 4.** Move your top right string to the bottom right.

**Step 5.** Move your left bottom string to the top left.

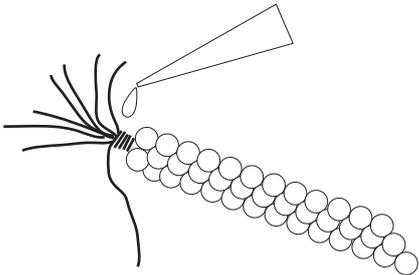
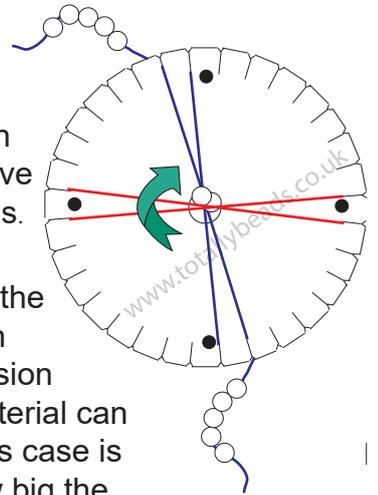
**Step 6.** Now you need to turn your disk by a quarter - 90 degrees. It doesn't matter if you turn it clockwise or anti clockwise as long as you are turning in the same direction throughout your braiding.



**Step 7.** When you have approx 2cm of braided invisible thread and your strands are back in the same slots as you started with, now you will need to introduce the beads. Pull up a bead on your top right string and push it in the centre. Make sure the bead is tucked under the top string on the right hand side. Now move your braid down as you did it before and lock it in the appropriate slot at the bottom right.

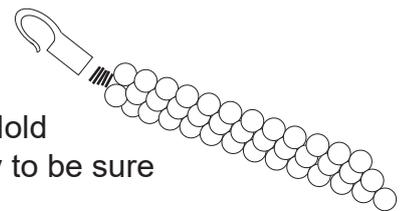
**Step 8.** Now take your bottom left strand and pull a bead up pushing it right in the middle and tucking under the bottom string on the left hand side. Then move your string up to the top left as before. Turn your disk by a quarter - 90 degrees.

**Step 9.** - Repeat steps 7 & 8 until you have your desired length. To calculate the length of your bracelet is a bit difficult as the length of the bracelet depends on many things. One being the number of beads, the second is your braiding tension and the third is what material you have used for braiding - some threading material can stretch after braiding. The best thing to do, is measure your clasp, which in this case is 3.5cm, so you will need to measure your beaded part of your braid to see how big the finished piece will be once they are glued together. If you take the measurement and add the 3.5cm for the clasp, then you have the size of your bracelet. Once you reach the correct size then you will have to stop adding beads to your braid, but you will need to keep braiding without beads, so you get another 1cm - 1.5cm of braiding on your bracelet to glue into the clasp.



**Step 10.** Remove the braid from the board, grouping all the ends together, except 1 piece of invisible thread. Wrap this thread around the rest of the strands tightly to keep them altogether and dab some glue to hold the ends in place.

**Step 11.** Trim excess threads leaving approx 5mm at the end. Take 1 half of your hook clasp, add some glue inside and push the end into the clasp. Hold until the glue is dry enough to hold the end in. Give an extra long time to dry to be sure that the ends are secure.



**Step 12.** Repeat Step 11 on the other end. Here you will need to use a new separate piece of invisible thread for wrapping around your end as you will not have enough left here even if you undo some of the braiding. Just tuck one end of a new thread down in the middle of the braided beads and start to wrap the invisible thread around the base of the beads right on top of the braiding. Put some glue on your wrapping and trim excess. Once dry, then glue the end into the other side of the clasp.

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