

JEWELRY MAKING 107: WRAP BRACELET USING THE TYING STATION



LEARN THESE JEWELRY MAKING TECHNIQUES:

- How to use the Beadalon Acrylic Tying Station
- How to weave the ladder stitch to make a wrap bracelet
- How to use a button to make a clasp

SUPPLIES:

- Beadalon® B-Lon™ Tex 210 Nylon Cord, Assorted (Item # 10472118)
- Bead Gallery® Blue Mix Resin Flower Beads, 15mm (Item # 10393661)
- Beadalon® Fine Collapsible Eye Needles (Item # 10427047)
- Matte Multicolor Cracked Agate Round Beads, 6mm by Bead Landing™ (Item # 10547878)
- Czech Glass Seed Beads, 8/0 (Item # 10549081)
- Dazzle-It!™ Retro Blue Mix Czech Glass Seed Beads (Item # 10416599)

TOOLS:

- Beadalon® Tying Station (Item # 10383718)
- Big Eye Beading Needle (Item #10332392)
- Scissors
- The Bead Smith® Thread Zap II (Item # 10383748)

STEP 1

Determine the length of your base cord by wrapping the B-Lon around your wrist twice (or more if you want a longer wrap bracelet). Add about 10 inches, then double it, and cut.

STEP 2

String on 20 size 8 seed beads. Make sure the loop will fit over the resin flower bead without too much extra space. Adjust bead count as needed. Move the beads to the center of the thread and tie an overhand knot to make a loop of beads.

Tip: Use a beading awl or knotter tool to snug the knot up right under the beads.

STEP 3

Remove the top plate from the tying station and place the beaded loop over the screw. Use the foam insert included with the tying station to hold the loop in place.

STEP 4

Arrange the base threads so that the base threads are coming down the center of the Tying Station and secure them in the bottom base plate - one on either side of the screw.

STEP 5

Take an 8 ft (2.4m) piece of B-Lon (this will be your working thread), and tie it in the middle to the base threads right under the knot. Tie 2 square knots to secure it.

STEP 6

Take each “working thread” around the outside of the “resting thread” and up through the middle of the “resting threads”.

Either use a Collapsible Eye Needle, or the end of the B-lon to thread a size 11 seed bead onto one of the threads and pass back through the seed bead with the other thread. Pull to secure the bead in between the two resting threads.

STEP 7

Take each “working thread” around the outside of the “resting thread” and up through the middle of the “resting threads”.

STEP 8

Repeat steps 6 and 7 using a size 8 Seed Bead.

STEP 9

Repeat steps 6 and 7 using a size 6 Seed Bead.

STEP 10

Repeat Steps 6 and 7 using a 6mm agate bead.

STEP 11

Continue adding a 6mm agate bead until you’ve reached the 7.5” mark on the Tying Station. If you’d like your bracelet to wrap around more than once, use the Foam Insert included with your Tying Station to move the beaded portion up to allow for more room to work. When your bracelet is the size you’d like, add one size 6/0 seed bead, then one size 8/0 seed bead to mirror the beginning of the design.

STEP 12

Flip the bracelet so the working threads are under the resting threads, and finish with another Square Knot over the working threads.

STEP 13 – Adding the resin flower for the clasp

Thread the ends of the working thread together through the hold in the flower bead. Do the same with the ends of the resting thread. Tie the two sets of threads into a square knot underneath the button. Trim and seal the ends with the Thread Zap.