

JEWELRY MAKING 112: MACRAME FRIENDSHIP BRACELET



LEARN THESE JEWELRY MAKING TECHNIQUES:

- How to use the Beadalon Acrylic Tying Station
- How to do a square macrame knot
- How to use a large bead and a loop of seed beads to make a

clasp

SUPPLIES:

- Beadalon® B-Lon™ Tex 210 Nylon Cord, Assorted (Item # 10472118)
- Beadalon® Fine Collapsible Eye Needles (Item # 10427047)
- Bead Gallery® Amethyst Agate Round Beads, 8mm (Item # 10168499)
- Czech Glass Seed Beads, 8/0 (Item # 10549090)
- Bead Gallery® Silver-Plated Carved Filigree Beads, 15mm (Item # 10290848)

TOOLS:

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

STEP 1

Cut a 24 inch (61cm) piece of B-Lon.

STEP 2

String on 24 size 8 seed beads. Make sure the loop will fit over your large 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.

Tip: You don't need to screw the plate down tight.

STEP 4

String 10 beads on both of the base threads using the big eye beading needle. 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 - on one side of the screw.

STEP 5

Take a 5ft (1.5m) 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

Tie 3 more square knots – left over right, right over left – and push one bead up against the last knot.

STEP 7

Tie 5 square knots, then push the next bead up against the last knot. Repeat with all of the beads and end with 5 square knots.

STEP 8 – Add the large bead for a clasp

Thread the working threads and the base threads through the hole in the large silver bead. Tie all of the threads together in a double overhand knot. Trim all B-Lon ends and use the Thread Zap or a lighter to seal the ends.

STEP 9

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