








# Instructions for 'Deluxe Beaded Kumihimo Bracelet (Pink Iris)' Kit

**Project KB-SP-037E** [Skill Level: Intermediate]

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**Project Components** | NOTE: To account for potential mistakes, there may be extra pieces of some types of findings.

	1 - silver-plated magnetic clasp		1 - tube of glue
	1 - tube of frosted purple seed beads		1 - bobbin
	2 - tubes of fuchsia magatama beads		1 - Kumihimo Disk
	1 - spool of orchid colored cord		

## Recommended Tools (not included)

Scissors

## Techniques Taught:

How to add beads to an 8-warp Kumihimo braid, How to make an 8-warp Kumihimo braid, How to tie an overhand knot

**Instructions:** For video instructions, go to [www.beadaholique.com/how-to-make-the-deluxe-beaded-kumihimo-bracelet-kit-with-long-magatama-beads.html](http://www.beadaholique.com/how-to-make-the-deluxe-beaded-kumihimo-bracelet-kit-with-long-magatama-beads.html)

Note: You will also need a ruler, some tape and a toothpick or scrap piece of wire for this project. If you do not have a kumihimo weight, you will need to make something to weigh down your braid as you work. A binder clip with a small several ounce object (heavy pen, bag of pennies) attached to it via a rubber band or cord length works great. The instructions below make an approx. 6.75" bracelet. If you want to make it longer, add additional beads to your strands before beginning. For instance, instead of the below pattern of 34 beads on each strand, try 36. Please see below for more details.

1. Begin this project by cutting 8 strands of cord, 36" long each (this will give you plenty of cord for whether you are making a 7" bracelet or a 10" bracelet). Open your bobbin (it pops open) and place the end tail of one piece of cord into it. Tape this end in place. Wind the bobbin so that you have approx. 15" sticking out. Close the bobbin. Repeat with your other 7 strands.
2. Take the end tail of one of the wound cords in the bobbin and thread 34 seed beads onto it. The end of the cord will work as a needle or you can use a big eye needle if you have one. Scoot the beads down so they sit up against the closed bobbin. Repeat this step with 3 other wound cords and beads. Next repeat this same step with your remaining 4 wound cords, but use 34 long magatamas on each strand instead of seed beads.
3. Gather all 8 cord ends and tie a simple overhand knot\* at their ends to keep them all together. Holding the board facing up, thread this knot through the center hole.
4. To see how to position the cords on the disk and do the actual braiding, please refer to the instructions and illustrations for a Simple 8-Warp Braid that come with your Kumihimo disk. To create the spiral pattern, you will want to place a cord with magatama beads to the left and right of the 32 dot as well as to the left and right of the 16 dot. You will then want to place a cord with seed beads to the left and right of the 24 dot and to the left and right of the 8 dot. Attach your weight to the knot after you have positioned your cords. Braid a little over 1" without beads.
5. After you have braided about an inch, start adding beads\*. To see how to do this, please refer to the instructions on the backside of this sheet. You will add beads to every warp, every time. Because of the placement of your cords in the previous step, your spiral pattern will just appear on its own when you braid.
6. After you have braided all your beads, braid another inch without beads.
7. Reach into the hole in the disk and grasp your where your braid ends and pull the cords out of their slots on the disk so you can pull your braid away from the disk. Place a piece of tape over the area where your non-beaded braid ends and the loose cords begin. Cut all your loose cords about 6 inches from your braided segment.

8. To add the clasp:

9. The diameter of the magnetic clasp is greater than that of the non-beaded braided portion of the kumihimo braid. We are going to "bulk" up that non-beaded braid to make it thicker so it fits into the clasp better. To do so, cut a 14" length of cord. Over the non-beaded braid, near where the beads are, tie a simple overhand knot. Repeat. Tie several knots to 1.) secure your braid, and 2.) add bulk to the braid. Wrap the cord around the braid 3 or 4 times and tie another knot. Repeat. Just make sure that your knots and wrappings are not longer than the clasp half so that when you fit it over the braid, all your knots will disappear into the well. Cut your braid about 1/8" beyond where your knots and winding are.

10. Separate out your magnetic clasp so that you have the two halves.

11. Fill the glue-in well of the clasp with a good amount of E6000 glue. Slip the cut end of your braid (with knots) into the clasp.

12. Repeat the previous step on the other side of your bracelet. Let dry overnight.

\*To see how to do this technique, please refer to the included techniques guide. Thank you!

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