



5 Wrap Tahoe- Maroon & Copper, Black & Silver and Pumpkin & Sea Foam by Janice Parsons

Building on Tahoe, a bracelet design I really love, 5-Wrap Tahoe is an updated multi-wrap project ready to adorn your wrist or that of someone you love. And it is intended for year round play, not just summer.

In this 5-wrap design, two sizes of leather are used with beads strung on the thinner, inner strand of 1.0mm leather. It is an easy technique and the whole thing just takes a couple of hours to complete. Plus the only tools you need are Flush Cutters and Chain Nose Pliers. So, I hope you enjoy and try this Tahoe in your own choice of colorways.

Level: Beginner

Time to Complete: 2-3 Hours

Please refer to individual landing pages on our website at: <http://beadshop.com/projects/projects/tahoe-bracelet/> for project ingredients. Project Handout is shown in Black and Silver.

Project Map



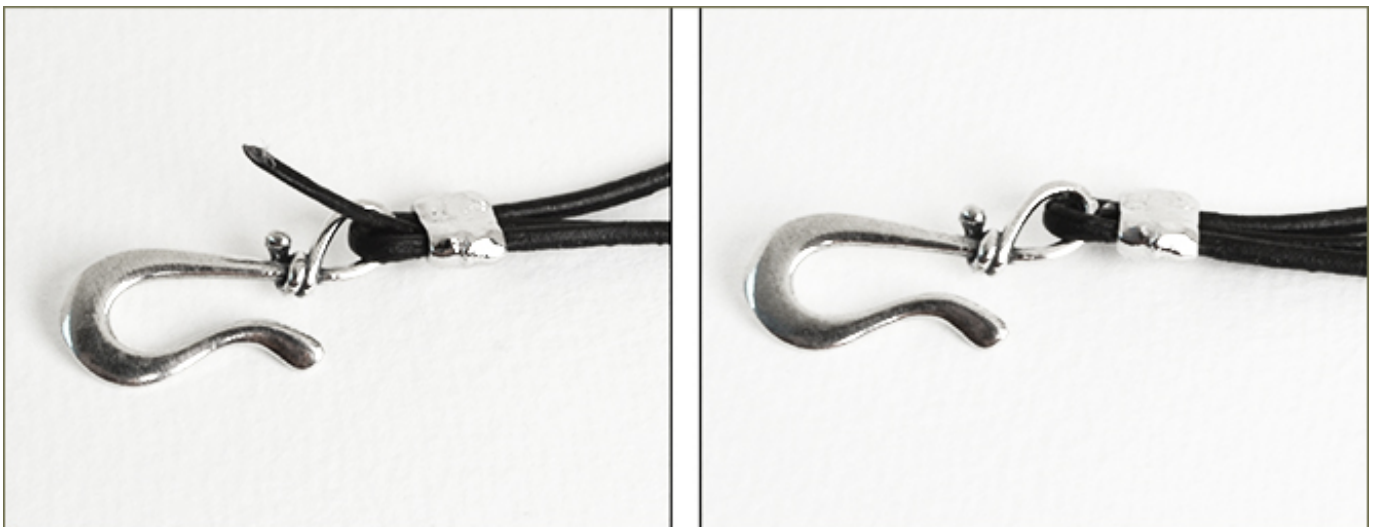
About Project Map:

The bracelet is meant to wrap 5 times around the wrist, so be sure to measure your wrist loosely using the tape measure. You will then multiply that number by 5 and that is your total length. My total bracelet length for this sample is 35-1/2 inches. The measurement of the clasp has to be factored in to your goal measurement length. The photos below represent the techniques using the Tahoe Silver & Black, but will work as well for any colorway. If you use beads in your studio, they need to have holes large enough to fit the 1.0mm leather.



Cut one length of 1.5mm leather to a length of 2-1/2 yards. Cut one length of 1.0mm leather 1-1/2 yards.

Feed the 1.5mm leather through the eye of your clasp and bring the leather to the halfway point, so it is even on both sides. Slide a Transitions bead up to the clasp. Give it some air so the clasp can wiggle freely. Using your Flush Cutters, angle cut the 1.0mm leather and feed it into the Transitions bead in the middle.



Using your Chain Nose Pliers, gently but firmly press down on your Transitions Beads. Rotate the pliers so you can crimp the Transitions bead again from the other side. Trust me, the bead will flatten, so do it gently but firmly. Check that the crimping has captured all strands of cord before you cut off your excess leather with your Flush Cutters.



Begin stringing your first random pattern of beads on your 1.0mm leather. Be sure to angle cut the leather as you need to ensure any small hole beads fit onto the leather. Each section of random beads is about 2 inches in length. Some sections might be longer or shorter, but be sure to leave open leather on both sides of your beads to allow your beads to move.

String on another Transitions bead. Leave some space and repeat the crimping process. Continue to string beads and crimp. Each pattern is random.



I found stringing the two ends of 1.5mm leather through the Transitions bead first easiest. Then I strung beads on the 1.0mm leather and fed the angle-cut end into the Transition bead. Make sure the 1.0mm leather sits in the middle and all strands are sitting side-by-side before crimping. Since the wrap bracelet is going to “wrap” around your wrist, any imperfections of length will probably not show. Just make sure you allow room for the beads on the middle strand to move freely.



Make sure you keep trying it on as you get close to your finished length....nothing is worse than not making it long enough and it's too short. Think about adding a charm onto the 1.0mm leather after your last bead. Add another Transitions bead after your last bead/charm.



String on the second half of your clasp and loop the 1.0mm leather back through the Transitions bead. It might be a tight fit, but you should be able to do it if the leather has been angle cut. Position the Transitions Crimp so it allows the clasp to wiggle freely and there is room for any charms to also move. Check the crimp is securely holding the leather in place.



Using your flush cutters, carefully cut off any excess leather. You now have a finished 5 Wrap Tahoe! Enjoy!

This wrap design can be done with almost any assortment of beads with large holes. Some of the beads we used in our samples have holes which are inconsistent. Some of the spools of leather from India have varying thickness. We apologize for any beads that we have indicated for a sample and then do not fit. Please contact us if you are having difficulties that go beyond your expectation of "normal". We will do our best to replace that product.

Thanks so much,
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