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Macramé with a Twist



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Putting a twist on a classic, Kate takes macramé to the next level. What happens when you only knot with one side? A spiral forms! This twisty texture meets a Poetry-style bracelet with some of our latest bead shapes from our Vintage Finds collection.

With a kicky tassel and charms, these bracelets are just darling. Make a two-strander like the cool green Synchronicity...or stick with a single strand like Kate does as she makes a sample live on air, a warm pink confection which we're calling Generosity.

Kate's solo on the show today, so there's not much to chat about! Skip to **Minute Marker 8:30** to get right into the materials used, and **Minute Marker 20:00** to get right to the learning.

Happy beading!

Minute Marker 8:30

Let's talk ingredients! **Stringing Materials:** We're using Griffin Silk in Size 6 for base cords, and Chinese Knotting Cord in 0.4mm for macramé knots. **Beads:** From Vintage Finds, Twist and Rice beads; plus Daisy Spacers and Charms.
Kate's not using them today, but chose some extra color combos to inspire you...

NATURAL SILK 2 m No. 6
100% Naturseide Ø 0,70 mm



www.griffin.de
For stringing
pearls and beads



PINKS/REDS

Griffin Silk Size 6- Coral
CKC 0.4mm- Coral
Red Jasper Small Twists
Red Aventurine Rice
OR
Rose Quartz Small Twists
Rose Quartz Rice



YELLOW

Griffin Silk Size 6- Amber
CKC 0.4mm- Straw
Yellow Jade Small Twists
Tiger Eye Rice

Try Fancy Jasper, too!





GREENS

Griffin Silk Size 6- Olive
CKC 0.4 Spring Leaf OR
CKC 0.4 Treebark OR
CKC 0.4 Poseidon
Aventurine Small Twists
Aventurine Rice
OR
Moss Agate Rice



BLUES

Griffin Silk Size 6- Dark Blue
CKC 0.4-Ink Blue
Lapis Small Twists



*Fancy Jasper, as well as Snowflake
Obsidian and Onyx go with practically
any colorway!*



Design your way! Try pairing these (and your own colorways) with Tiny Tassels, Green Girl Components, or other charms!



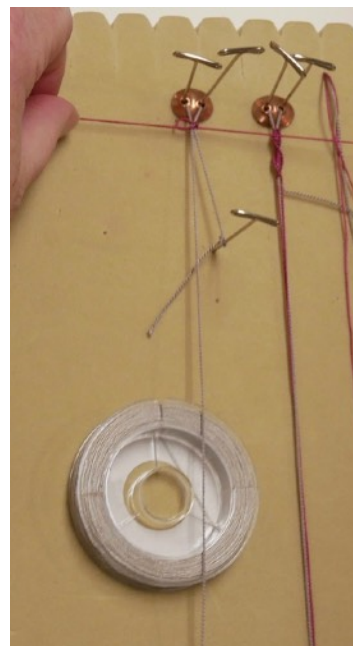
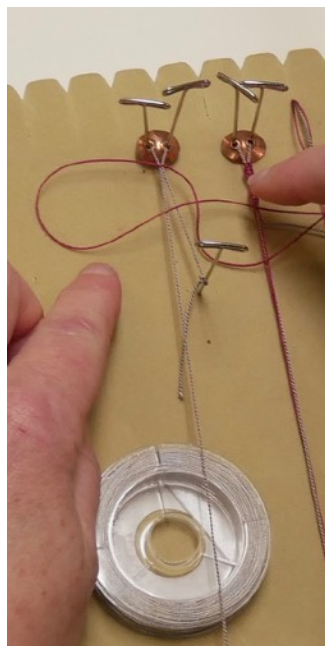
Minute Marker 20:00

Kate is going to work on the Generosity sample today...shades of pink! Using either a Macramé Board or a Deep Dish Project Tray with Insert, set up your project much like you would a traditional Poetry. Since we're using Griffin Silk as our base, you want to make sure to pre-stretch your thread and string the thread all the way to the end, so you're able to use the needle end.

String through the button holes or chalk of your button, again making sure to thread all the way to the end of the thread. Kate secures to her Macramé Board with some T-Pins...you can pick those up at most office supply or craft supply stores. Use a third pin to secure the tail while you begin to macramé.



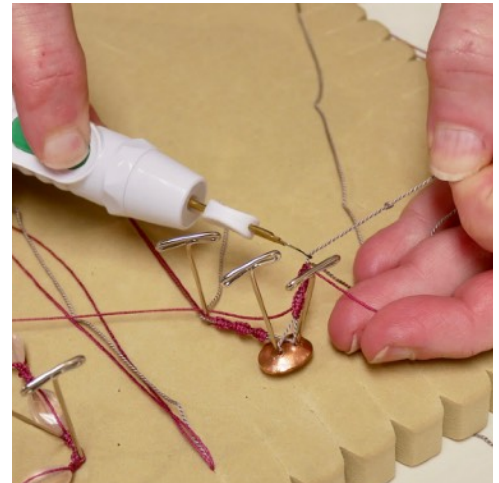
With a long length of CKC (Kate measures five lengths of the macramé board) Kate begins to macramé around these base cords. Once your knots are established, you can unpin that one pin keeping your tail in place. As you knot, you want to create that twist! To do this, do either all P's or all Q's...do not switch like you do in flat macramé! As you continue to make all the same knot in the same direction your thread will twist around like a spiral staircase. Once you've got your spiral established you can add a second strand, since this is a two-stranded bracelet. Kate shows this at **Minute Marker 42:00**...attach a second card of silk to the same button, just as before.



Minute Marker 49:30

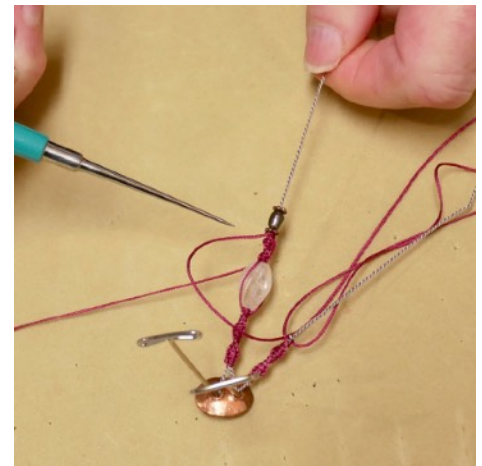
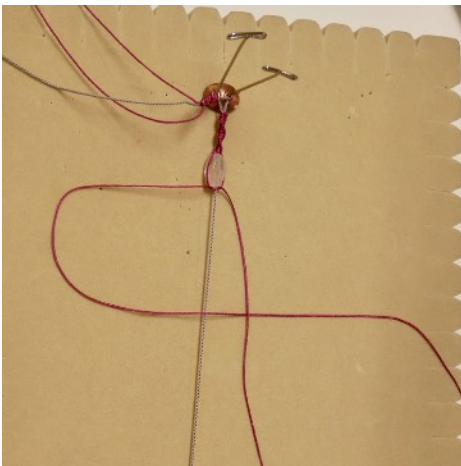
To end that tail of silk, use a tiny drop of glue (Zap or GS Hypo Cement are great choices!) on the tail and macramé over both strands and the glue. Use a thread burner or clippers to cut away the rest of the tail.

Coming up: Kate had been asked what to do when you get a black burned blob on your thread...we've covered that on the next page...keep going!



Minute Marker 58:00

Now for the beads! Kate adds her Twists and Rice beads directly to the Griffin Silk base thread. Slide a bead up, bring your macramé cords around the bead, and continue to macramé beneath the bead...lather, rinse, repeat! Remember, tie only knots going in the same direction, even here! Either all P's or all Q's. If you do tie a knot in the wrong direction you'll notice that your twist starts to go in the opposite direction. In the middle photo below you can see how the knot tied in the opposite direction can turn the twist. Whoops! Use an Awl to help undo that knot.



Kate's tying about ten knots between each bead...but of course, you do you! Kate is also using Daisy Spacers to frame her rice beads, she likes the little flash of metal and adding a new texture. You could use any heishi, or even O Beads...or skip it altogether. Make it yours!

Kate also explains why she works on both strands at the same time, instead of one and then the other. She finds it easier to line up her beads so they're off-set from each other, "filling in the gaps" and making sure her beads aren't bunched up against and next to each other.

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Want to add a charm? String all three of your threads through the loop or jump ring, and slide it into place, and continue to macramé beneath.

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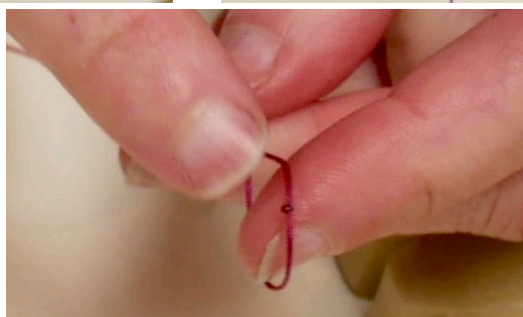
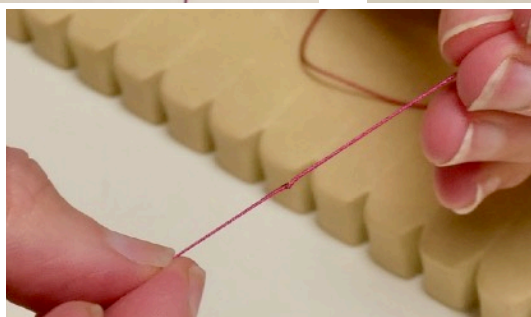
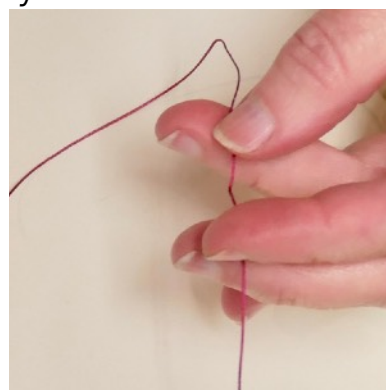
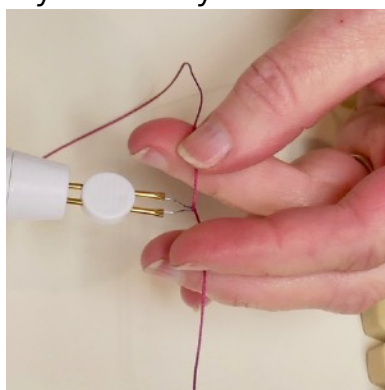
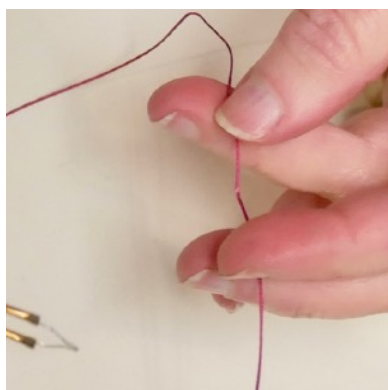
Need to travel or take your project off your board? Use one of your empty Silk cards to wind your threads around. Smart thinking, Kate!



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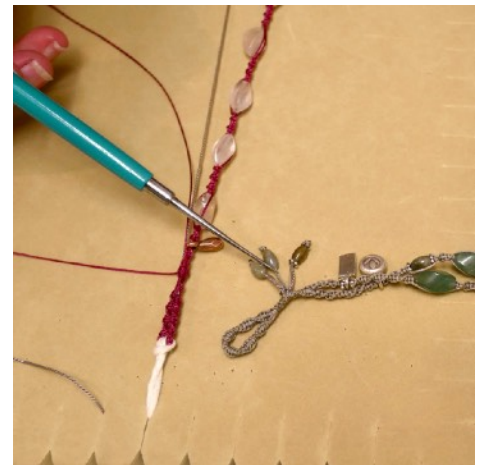
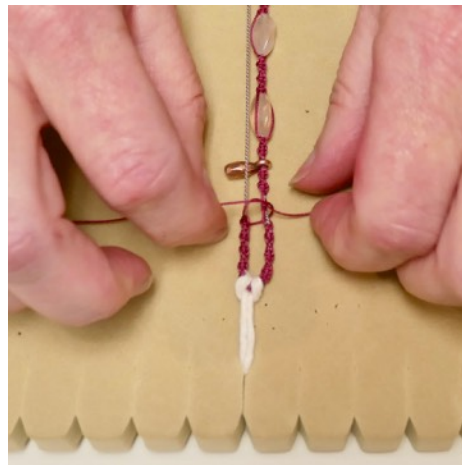
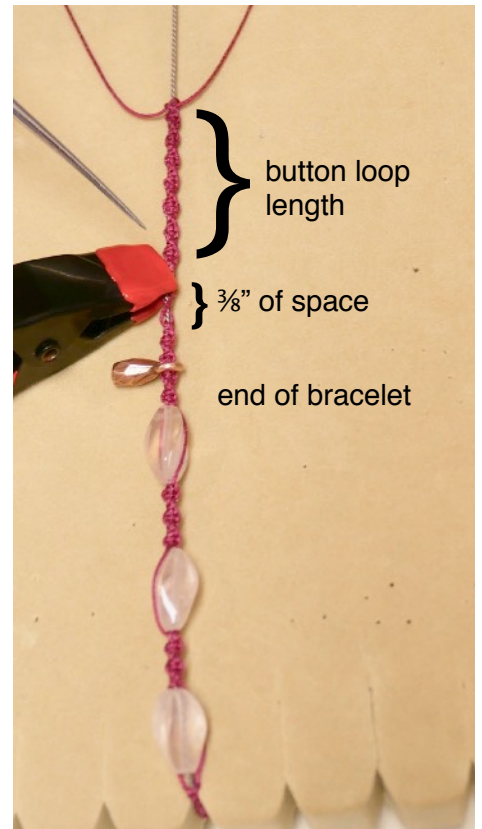
Here is where Kate shows how to cleverly add a thread—using the thread burner! Practice this technique before working on it on your in-progress project! Take two ends of thread, hold them close to each other, and use the thread burner to heat up the ends and bond them. Let cool, and check your bond with a little tug.

Kate answers the earlier question, what to do when you've got a black blob on your thread from your thread burner? It's likely that the bump will live underneath your knots and won't show at all...but you can try to burn it away or even cut it off!



Minute Marker 1:16:00

To end: Kate demonstrates on a single strand bracelet, just for the purposes of this video. If you're doing a double strand you want to gather all of your threads here and make ONE button loop. So! Once you have gotten to the end of your bracelet, use a Clamper to hold all your threads in place...leave about $\frac{3}{8}$ " of space and start to macramé again below the Clamper...make this section long enough to make a button loop to fit around your button, and tie your knots around your gathered threads (so, if working on a double strand you will have your two base threads *and* two of your macramé threads inside, and your other two macramé threads tying the knots around those four). Kate uses a piece of scrap twine to hold the center of her button loop in place so she can close it.



Macramé around it all! That's why that $\frac{3}{8}$ " of space was left...fill it right in with your knots...you can either flat macramé here or continue to twist. Tie knots until you meet the other knots, filling in that space. You can end with a dab of glue and an overhand knot, if you like, for added security. Use your tails to make a kicky tassel!

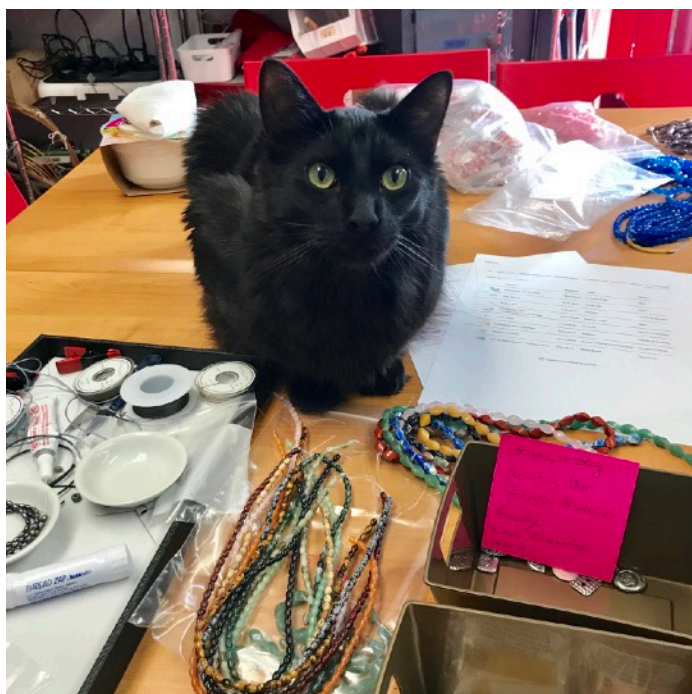
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Let's make that tassel! Add a bead to a thread tail, tie an overhand knot to keep the bead on the thread, and thread burn the excess off. Lather, rinse, repeat!



That's it, gang! Kate's finished sample will be posted to the [Generosity Project Page](#) just as soon as she's done with it...for now you can see her single strand version here in the Episode Notes! You can also see Mr. Naughtypants himself, troublemaker extraordinaire, Alfie! Sorry for the trouble he stirred up at the end of the show 😊

And we'll see you next time!



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Links to This Project's Ingredients...

[Macramé With A Twist](#) and [Recipe](#)

Synchronicity

- 1 [Peekaboo! Button- Sterling Silver](#)
- 1 Spool [0.4mm Chinese Knotting Cord- Shadow](#)
- 2 Cards [Griffin Silk- Size 6- Grey](#)
- 1 Strand [Aventurine Small Twist Beads](#)
- 1 Strand [Labradorite Rice Beads](#)
- 1 Pkg [Tierra Daisy Spacers- Antique Silver](#)
- 1 [Inner Lotus Charm](#)
- 1 [Lone Lotus Charm](#)



Generosity

- 1 [Peekaboo! Button- Copper](#)
- 1 Spool [0.4mm Chinese Knotting Cord- Peony](#)
- 2 Cards [Griffin Silk- Size 6- Grey](#)
- 1 Strand [Rose Quartz Small Twist Beads](#)
- 1 Strand [Gray Petite Rice Pearls](#)
- 1 Pkg [Tierra Daisy Spacers- Antique Copper](#)
- 2 [Little Bitty Drops- Antique Copper](#)



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