



## Original Setting the Mood Project by Brittany Ketcham-Roney

One of our most popular projects, Setting the Mood was inspired by Nicole Anderson's Herringbone Weave Design. In a rich, blue-green colorway, Brittany has embellished her design with Mirage Beads, those magical beads which change color with your body temperature.

This is an Intermediate-Advanced Level Project crammed full of stitches, techniques and transitions.

It is *essential* to watch Nicole's Herringbone videos before you begin to get a "base coat" of learning. The Project Map below mirrors the handout, which is exclusive for this sample. Please read the handout completely before you begin. Happy beading!

Level: Intermediate-Advanced

### Ingredients List:

- 1 Copper Dragonfly Button
- 3 Yards 1.5mm Berol Rainbow Leather
- 1 Spool Teal #1 or #2 Tuff Cord
- 1 Spool Navy .5mm Chinese Knotting Cord
- 1 Spool Sea Green .5mm Chinese Knotting Cord
- 1 Spool Teal .5mm Chinese Knotting Cord
- 1 Tube Gilding Matte Gold Plate 6/0 Metal Seed Beads\*
- 1 Tube Zinc Plate 6/0 Metal Seed Beads\*
- 1 Tube Antique Copper 6/0 Metal Seed Beads\*
- 1 Tube 11-2029 Frosted Pale Seafoam Blue 11/0\*\*
- 2 Sgt. Pepper's Mirage Beads
- 1 Magical Mystery Mirage Bead
- 5 Love Me Do Mirage Beads
- 4 Can't Buy Me Love Mirage Beads
- 1 Tube GS Hypo Cement

\* Only a small portion of a tube of each color is used. If you wanted to purchase just one color for the entire design, one tube would be more than enough...it would just mean it's all one metal color.

\*\* Only a small portion of a tube of 11/0 Seed Beads is used.

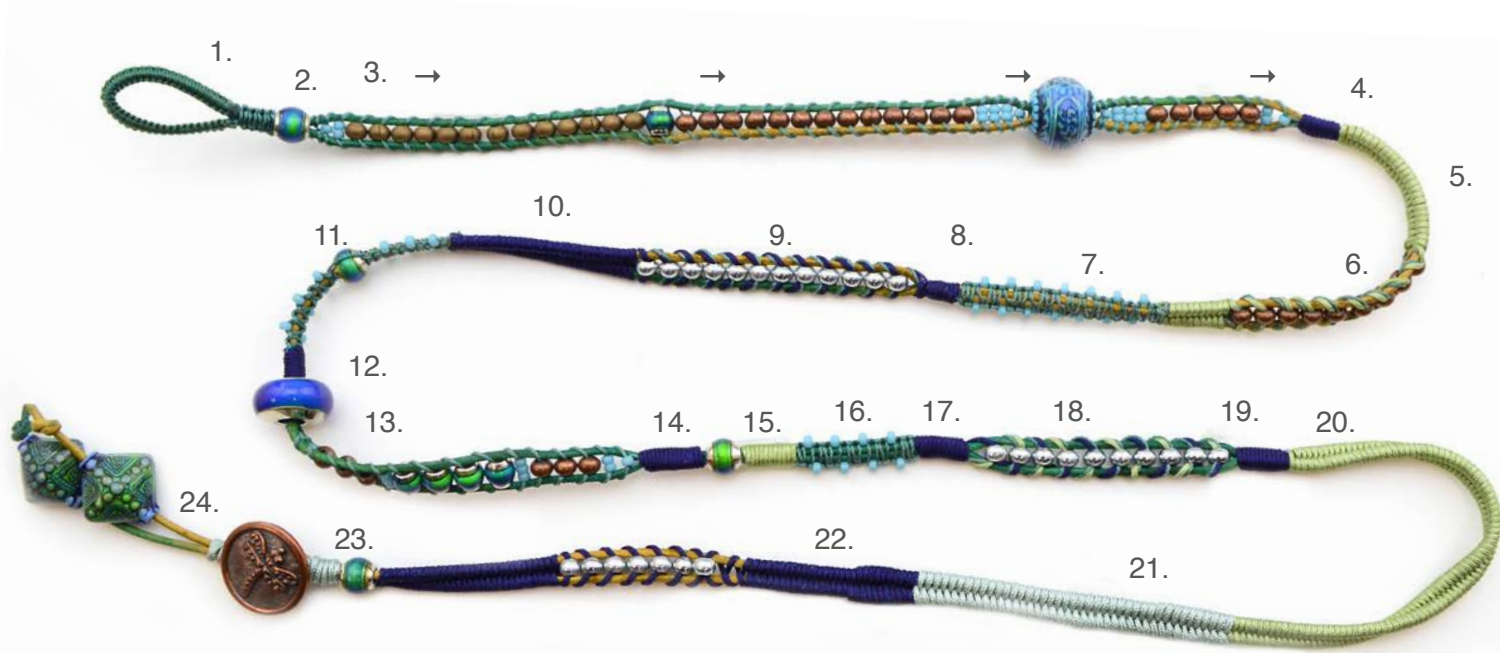
### Learning:

- How to Secure a Project to a Board
- How to Macramé a Button Loop (Steps 13-15 of Odyssey Project)
- How to do Beaded Macramé ( Simple Stitches in Time Section 4, Page 9)
- How to Herringbone Wrap (both Videos)
- How to Macramé Square Knot
- How to Ladder
- How to Add a Thread to a Laddering Project

### Tools:

Design Tray with Insert Board  
 Flush Cutters  
 Note: We no longer sell Thread Burners, which are featured in the videos. We feel the use of glue and sharp Flush Cutters is adequate to secure the tails of cord.

### Project Map



This sample is approximately 42", not including the tails after the button. It requires 3 yards of leather, which is enough to accommodate a wrist 8" and still make a 6 wrap bracelet. Be sure to un-secure the project from the board occasionally and try it on. Adjust section lengths as needed. If you have a wrist smaller or larger than 7 inches, it's essential to modify lengths as you get close to finishing.

Please Note: We apologize if there is any confusion between the sample and the instructions. From the time the sample was made color dyes and names have changed on Chinese Knotting Cord and the size Tuff Cord we recommend is thinner than what was used in the sample. Please follow the instructions. Thank you!



1. Cut a length of Teal Chinese Knotting Cord (CKC) 40 inches long. Find the center of your leather and secure it to your project board. Center the CKC under the leather and macramé square knots around the single leather long enough to make a button loop. **See Steps 13-15 of Odyssey Project, if you need further close-ups of this technique.** Fold in half and macramé a few knots around both leather legs to complete the loop. Add a small dab of glue on the last knot. Allow to dry and cut the ends.



2. Secure your project again to the board. Cut 6 Yards of Tuff Cord #1 or #2, either size will work. Find the halfway point and center it under the leather just below the button loop. Secure the Tuff Cord to the leather by doing several macramé square knots. Unfasten the leather at the end of the board and string on one Can't Buy Me Love bead. Slide it up into position. Feed the tails of Tuff Cord through the bead hole.

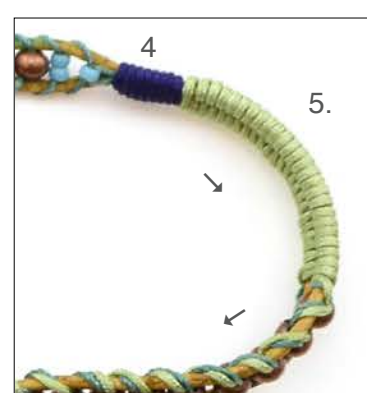
3. Ladder the pattern below: 11/0s, Gold 6/0s, a Love Me Do bead, Copper 6/0s, and 11/0s. Use the instructions in our **Skill Builder: Learn to Ladder**. Unstrap the leather and add the large Across the Universe bead as pictured. Continue to ladder 11/0s, Copper 6/0s, and more 11/0s for a total length of 6-3/4". When you're done laddering, don't cut the Tuff Cord. Tie an overhand knot to secure it to the leather.



Note: The *long* length of Tuff Cord has a purpose! It is the base cord that "comes out to play" throughout most of the design. Sometimes it's hidden inside a Herringbone Stitch or Silk Wrap, but you will use it through Step 19, almost to the end.

If you get low on Tuff Cord, it's easy to end and add a new length into your design. Please see:

**Skill Builder: How to Add a Thread to a Laddering Project**

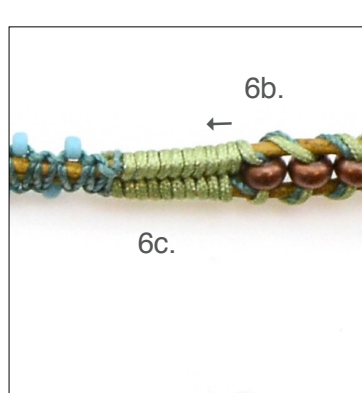


4. Cut 20 inches of Navy CKC and Silk Wrap a short section of 1/4 inch next to the laddering. Silk Wrap over the Tuff cord ending knot. If you're new to Silk Wrap, see our **Skill Builder: How to Silk Wrap**.



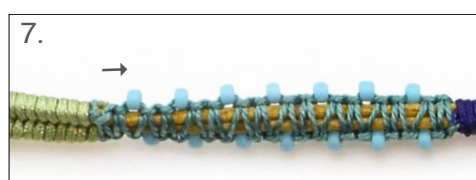
5. Cut 4 yards of Sea Green Chinese Knotting Cord. Find the center and Herringbone Wrap the leather and Tuff Cord for 1 inch. If you're new to Herringbone Wrap, watch Nicole's Video (click on VIDEO tab at the top of the page).

6. a. After doing an inch of Herringbone Weave, separate the CKC tails and the Tuff Cord tails and ladder 8 Antique Copper 6/0 beads using both cords.



6. b. When you're done laddering, tie the Tuff cord into a secure square knot. Do NOT cut the Tuff Cord tails.

c. With the CKC, Herringbone Weave for about 1/2 inch hiding the Tuff Cord inside as Nicole demonstrates in her video. Tie the CKC in a secure knot. Add a dab of glue on the knot. Allow it to dry and cut the tails of CKC away.



7. This section is macramé with a 11/0 Seafoam Seed Beads. If you are new to this technique, an easy way to see it demonstrated is in **Section 4 of Simple Stitches in Time** (Page 9). This section is 1-1/4 inches.



8. Line up your Tuff Cord with your leather. Cut 20 inches of Navy CKC and Silk Wrap over the leather and Tuff Cord for 1/4 inch. Cut away an excess Navy CKC.

9. Cut a new length of Navy CKC 2 yards in length. Pick up the Tuff Cord again and ladder both cords using twelve 6/0 Zinc Metal Beads.

10. Finish by Herringbone Weaving the Navy CKC for about 1-1/4 inches. Tie the CKC in a square knot. Dab a bit of glue and allow to dry. Cut off the CKC tails.



11. Macramé, as you did in Section 7 with 11/0 Seafoam beads.

Unstrap the project and string on:

1- Can't Buy Me Love Bead

1- Magical Mystery Tour Bead

1 Can't Buy Me Love Bead

Strap your project back to the board.

Slide up the first Can't Buy Me Love Bead and bring the Tuff Cords around the outside and begin to macramé again below it. Continue this section. The total length for Step 11 is 1-3/8 inches.

12. Line up your Tuff Cord up with your leather. Cut 20 inches of Navy CKC and Silk Wrap over the leather and Tuff Cord for 1/2 inch. Untie your project from the board and string on a Magical Mystery Tour Bead, With a hole as large as it has, it will slide back and forth on the Silk Wrap. Cut away excess Navy CKC.

13. Begin laddering again. Although the photo doesn't show it clearly, the pattern is:

Row 1: One 11/0 Seafoam bead

Row 2: Two 11/0 Seafoam beads

Rows 3-5: One Copper 6/0 Bead per row

Row 6: Three 11/0 Seafoam beads

Rows 7-10: One Love Me Do Bead per row

Row 11 Three 11/0 Seafoam beads

Rows 12-14: One Copper 6/0 Bead per row

Row 15: Two 11/0 Seafoam beads

Row 16: One 11/0 Seafoam beads Secure the Tuff Cord with a square knot.

14. Line up your Tuff Cord with your leather. Cut 20 inches of Navy CKC and Silk Wrap over the leather and Tuff Cord for 3/8 inch, as you did in Step 12. Cut away any excess Navy CKC.



15. Slide on a Can't Buy Me Love Bead.

16. Cut 20 inches of Sea Green CKC and Silk Wrap over the Tuff Cord and Leather. Cut off excess CKC. This section is 1/2 inch in length.

17. Macramé with 11/0 Seafoam beads on Tuff Cord as you did in previous steps. This section is 1 inch.

18. Line up your Tuff Cord with your leather. Cut 20 inches of Navy CKC and Silk Wrap over the leather and Tuff cord for 3/8 inch, as you did in previous steps. Cut away any excess Navy CKC.

19. Cut 1-1/2 yards (54 inches) each of Sea Green and Navy CKC. Center them under the leather. On each side, you will have 1 tail each of Sea Green and Navy CKC and Tuff Cord. Bring them around the leather and ladder 10 Zinc 6/0 Seed Beads with all three cords. The total length of this section is 1-3/4 inches. Finally...you won't be needing Tuff Cord anymore! Tie it off in a square knot. Also tie each CKC in an individual overhand knot around the leather. Don't cut the ends yet! Dab a bit of glue on the knots. Allow to dry.

20. Cut 20 inches of Navy CKC and Silk Wrap over the leather and tails left from your Tuff Cord and CKC from Step 19. Cut excess tails of all cords.

21. Cut 60 inches of Sea Green CKC and do Herringbone Stitch for almost 4 inches. Please watch Nicole's Herringbone Weave Transition Video to learn the way to end one color of Herringbone and begin a new.

22. Cut 50 inches of Teal CKC and do the Herringbone Stitch for about 2 inches. Before moving on to Step 23, this is a good time to measure for fit. Remove your project from the board and try it on. Do you need to make the next section longer or shorter?

23. Cut 60 inches of Navy CKC and do the Herringbone Weave for 1 inch. Do NOT cut the ends.

Note: You may notice a striking difference in the color of Chinese Knotting Cord you have and what is featured in the sample. We apologize. Tangles and Knots, the manufacturer, changed dye lots and/or color names since we first published this project.

Also worth noting: If you notice the sections of the Herringbone Weave where the colors transition, that bulge is from the added thickness of the previous CKC hidden inside the new color's weave. It's not a mistake!



24. Separate the Navy CKC and ladder seven 6/0 Zinc Seed Beads. This section is 1 inch in length.

25. Go back to Herringbone Weave for 1-14 inches. Tie off the Navy CKC with a square knot. Add a drop of glue on the knot.

26. Remove the project from the board, slide on a Love Me Do Bead and fit it onto the leather to hide the knot of the Navy CKC. Bring the Navy tails through the bead and then cut off the excess CKC.

27. Cut 20 inches of Teal CKC and Silk Wrap a short section after the Love Me Do Bead. Cut the tails of CKC. The Silk Wrap is about 1/2 inch in length.

28. String the button onto both tails of leather.

29. Cut 20 inches of Teal CKC and Silk Wrap a short section after the button. Add a small dab of glue on the knot of the Silk Wrap before you pull it into the center. The Silk Wrap is about 1/2 inch in length.

30. Add two Sgt. Pepper Beads to the tails of leather and tie an overhand knot below the beads. We recommend adding a very small dab of glue in the knots of the leather, just for extra insurance. Allow to dry and cut the excess leather away.

You've done it! This is a complicated design and you should feel really proud of what you've accomplished. Congratulations!

