

Simply Pearl

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I am always on the hunt for designs that don't include metal components and beads. Almost from Day One of making jewelry, I have met people with metal allergies. Finally, I can say this pearl design meets that goal, if you don't use a metal button.

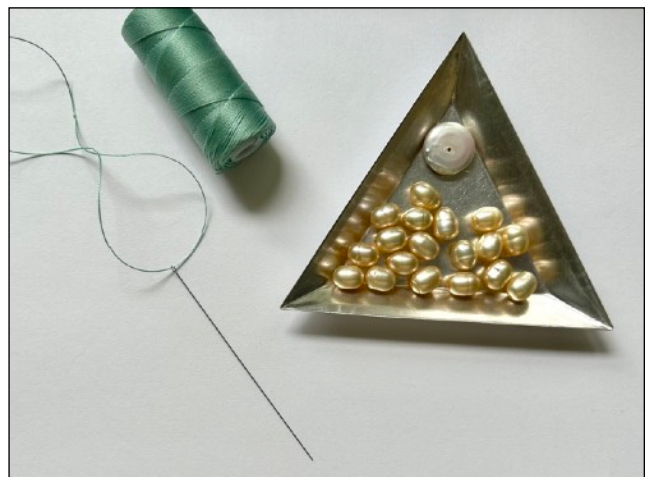
Simply Pearl is all done with macramé. Please refer to our Skill Builder, [How to Macramé](#) and also our [Poetry Handout](#).

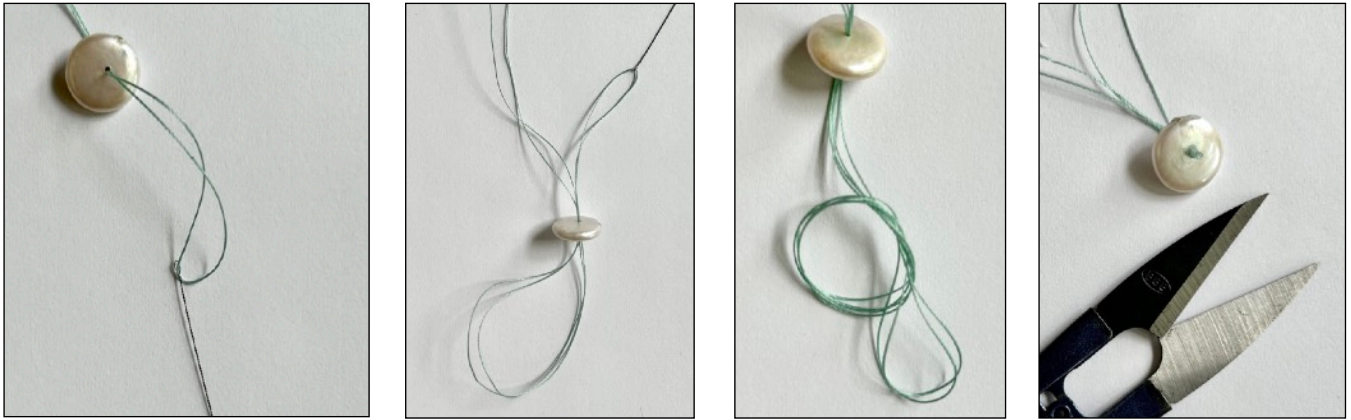
Ingredients:

Project Level: Intermediate

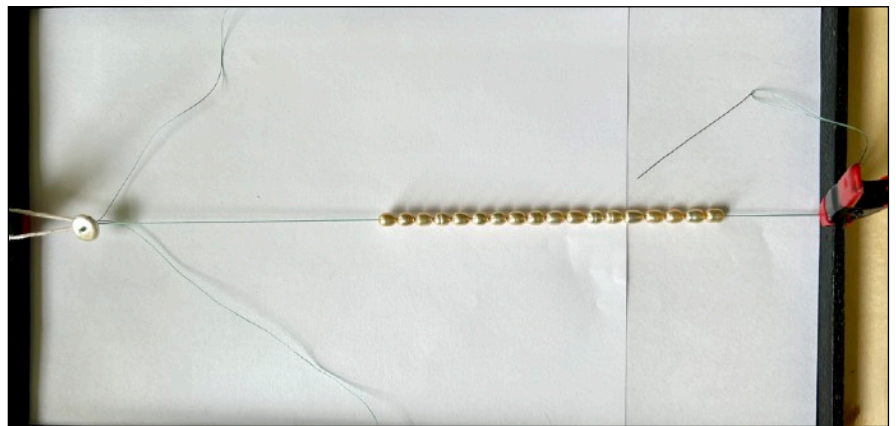
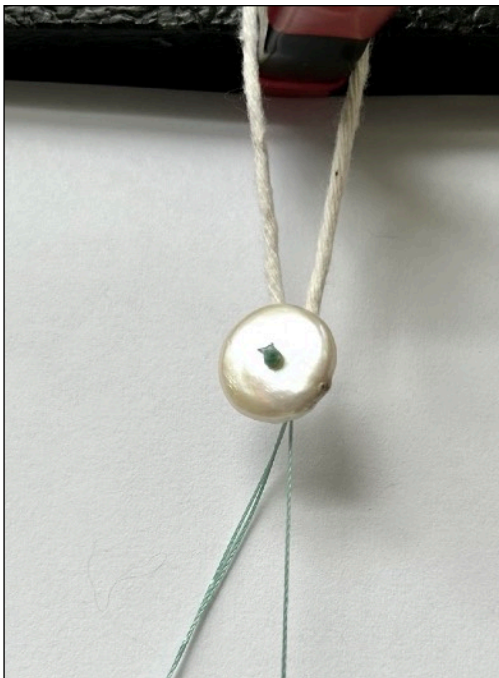
- ½ strand Freshwater Pearls
- 1 Button Pearl
- 1 Spool of Micro C-Lon
- 1 Pkg Flexible Eye Needles- Medium
- 1 Tube Zap Glue
- 1 Pair Thread Snips or Flush Cutters
- 1 Deep Dish Design Tray with Insert
- 2 Pairs Clampers
- Twine and Measuring Tape

You can jazz this bracelet up and use a variety of beads or keep it simple. I used Freshwater Rice Pearls about 6.5mm (5x7mm). Selecting beads that have "shoulders" on each end allow the thread to taper up and down, which lends itself perfectly to macramé.

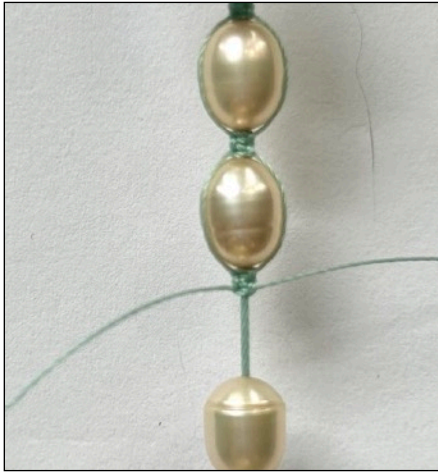
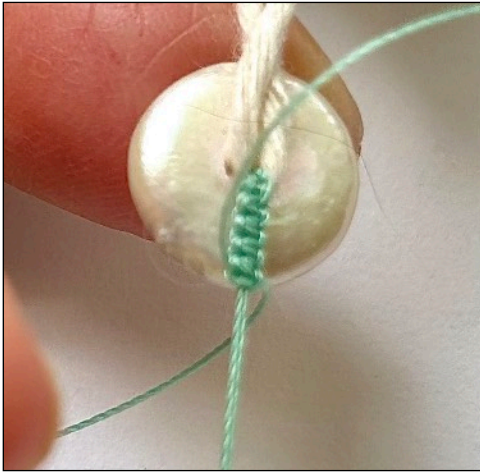




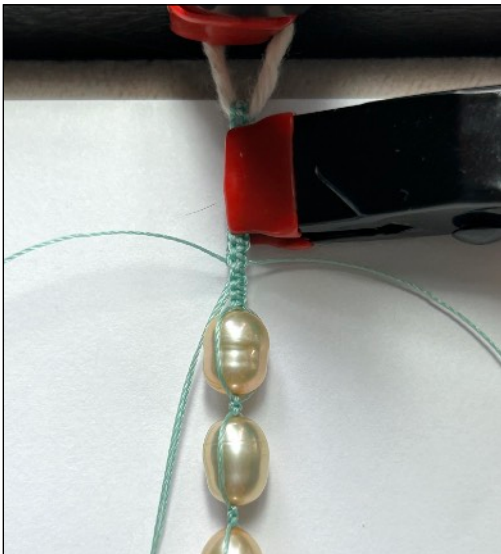
1. Cut 3 yards of thread and string your needle to the halfway mark. String on your button pearl going from the back side to the front. Pick the nicest side to face up.
2. Bring your needle back through your button. Try to keep your threads untangled. Pull the needle end so that it is finished length of your project PLUS 8 inches.
3. Leave enough thread above the button to make a 3-4 time overhand knot. It's a good idea to pre-calculate what size overhand knot you need to fill the button hole so it won't slip through. Pull the knot tight.
4. Carefully add glue to the knot. Allow the glue to dry overnight. Once the knot is dry, cut the excess threads of the loop off. You will be left with a needle on a shorter end and two longer tails to use for macramé.



5. Using twine, attach your button to your design board.
6. String your pearls/beads onto the needled thread. Leave them closer to the needle, not the button. Secure your needle end to the side of the design tray using a clamber.



7. Taking the two loose threads, macramé enough square knots to clear the button.
8. Bringing up one pearl at a time, macramé two square knots after each pearl.
9. Continue to macramé until the desired length. Always factor the button loop length when you calculate your finished length. Check the button will go through the loop.



10. Besides the macramé stitches you need for the length of your button loop, you will need a few extra square knots that you can macramé over to create the finished loop. Three full square knots should be sufficient. Having an extra clamp to secure the loop of knots in place is helpful.
11. After finishing the macramé loop, add glue to all your loose threads close to the knots. Allow the glue to dry overnight. Carefully cut away your excess threads.

You are done! I hope you have enjoyed Simply Pearl. Please post your finished projects to [The Bead Table Community](#) or email it to us at info@beadshop.com.

Also, if you would like a modern take on this design using Pearl Knotting Techniques, see [Presence of Mind](#), a similar design but using Griffin Thread.

