

## Kindred Spirits

Project and Sample by Janice Parsons



Even if this is your first time making a cuff using strap leather, Kindred Spirits is a design that can be undertaken by a beginner. With just a few tools and a tape measure, you can do this!

Please watch our [Facebook Live Episode/4.12.17](#), when Kate and Janice review all the tricks to gluing and making an amazing [Prairie Design](#).

This handout is intended to guide you through the measuring and building steps for Kindred Spirits.

Time to Complete: 2 Hours      Level: All



### Ingredients and Tools:

2 Meters 5mm Strap Leather in Fireworks

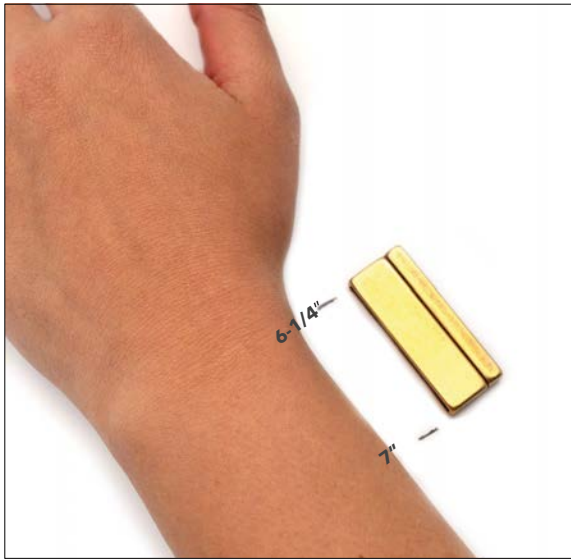
1 Skyline Clasp- Antique Brass

8 Bitty Feather Sliders in Antique Brass

1 Tube Zap Glue

Flush Cutters

Tape Measure, Ruler, Scotch Tape and Paper Clip (for gluing)



Wrists vary in size not only from one person to the next, but from around your wrist and then two inches above your wrist.

Your cuff diameter will be the larger size of those two measurements plus with 1/2" added to allow room for the cuff to move when worn.

The Kindred Spirits sample was made to fit Janice's wrist. Her wrist is 6-1/4 inches by her hand and 7 inches higher up. She used the 7 inch measurement to define and guide leather length.

Here's how Janice measured:

Wrist measurement at largest point: 7".

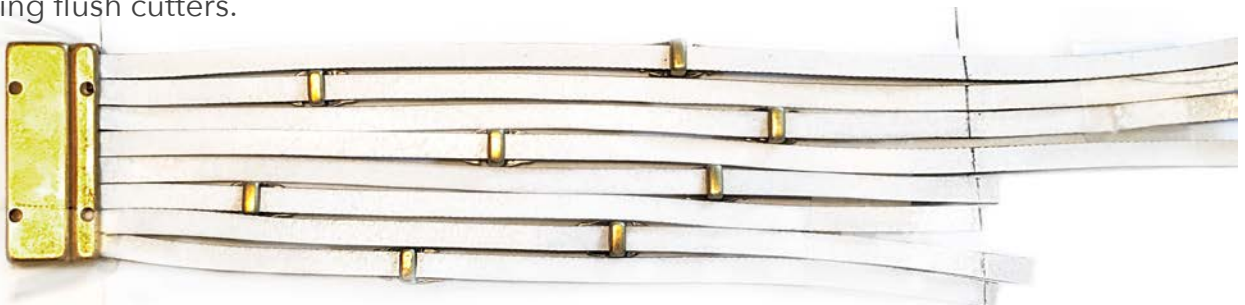
She added 1/2" to allow the cuff room to breathe so the Total Cuff Length: 7-1/2".

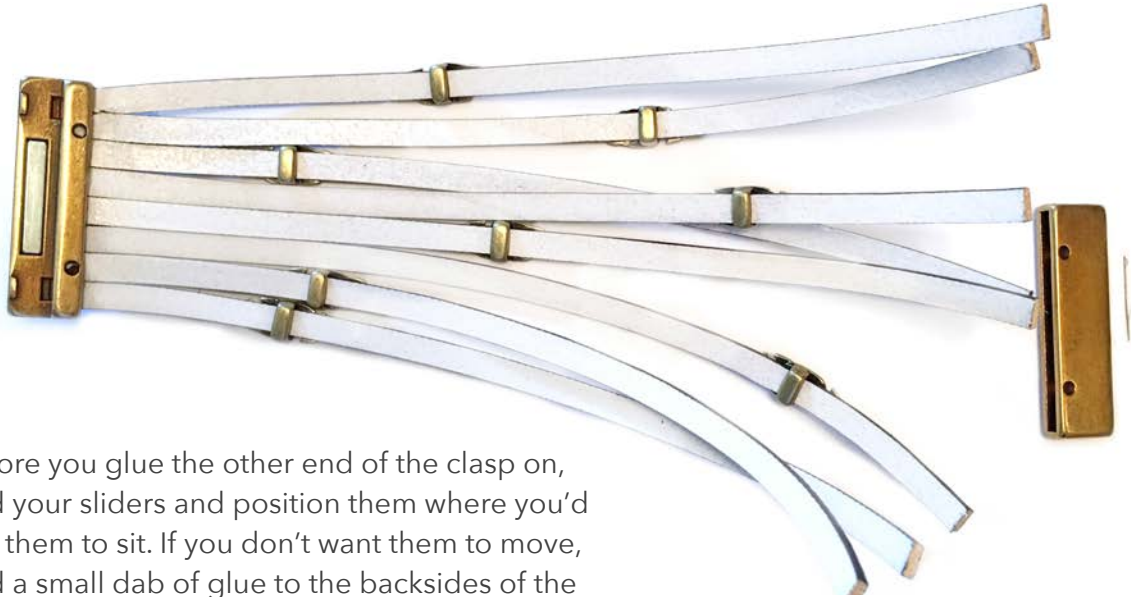
### **Follow Janice's directions below to assemble your cuff:**

Begin by cutting the leather strap into pieces measuring one inch longer than the total length of the finished cuff. I cut mine into 8-1/2" lengths. It was best to be on the safe side in case I needed to make adjustments along the way. Once it's cut, that's it!

Keeping both sides of the clasp together, I worked from the back side of the clasp and leather. I taped the clasp down to my board and began gluing the strap leather side-by-side one strap at a time.

Skyline Clasp is 5/8" wide. The two openings inside the clasp are approximately 1/8" on each. After gluing all eight straps into the opening on one end of the clasp, I measured 7-5/8" from the outer edge of the clasp. This length takes into account I needed to add an extra 1/8" of leather to sit inside the opening of the clasp on the other end. I used a ruler and pencil to mark a straight line at the 7-5/8" point so I know where to cut the leather using flush cutters.





Before you glue the other end of the clasp on, add your sliders and position them where you'd like them to sit. If you don't want them to move, add a small dab of glue to the backsides of the leather and position the sliders on top of the glue. Allow time for the glue to dry completely before you try your bracelet on for sizing.

If the length is good, time to glue on the other side. Undo the clasp and begin with the first strap on one end and add glue to tip of strap leather. Insert it into the clasp, hold it for a few seconds until the glue dries and move onto the next strap, securing one at a time. Do your very best to make sure the straps are side-by-side and perpendicular to the clasp.

When you get to the last strap, if the space left for the last strap is tight, angle-cut your last strap using flush cutters so it fits in nicely. Just cut into the leather no more than 1/8" at the most. Keep the cut small and check it fits before gluing.



You're done! Now, wasn't that easy? Here are a few other palettes we think would make fun strap cuffs:

We would call this one "Paris Charm." It has so much romance and allure. Wouldn't it be so pretty?

- 2 meters Fleur-de Paris 5mm Strap Leather
- 1 Skyline Clasp Antique Silver
- 8 Bitty Feather Sliders in Antique Silver



This one reminds us of week on a Dude Ranch.  
How about calling it "Ranch Hand?"

2 meters Bark Brown Galaxy 5mm Strap Leather  
1 Skyline Clasp Antique Copper  
8 Bitty Feather Sliders in Antique Copper



This is just a summer day at the pool. I think we'd call  
this one "Poolside."

2 meters Distressed Turquoise 5mm Strap Leather  
1 Skyline Clasp Antique Silver  
8 Folk Art Sliders- Antique Silver



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to see what you make. Will you email us and show  
off your creations? Just send your questions,  
comments, and pics to: [info@beadshop.com](mailto:info@beadshop.com)

Thanks and happy beading!

~janice