

TANGLES'N KNOTS

Pathway



This past weekend, we took a look back at the start of our little company, the viral DIY post that launched us into the lime light and the wholesale venture that made us a name brand.

We have so much to be thankful for and feel truly blessed!

As we start down the pathway to 2017 we decided to make it the year of tutorials!

Here is the first ... aptly named PATHWAY to help you ring in New Year!

MATERIALS:

- 3MM Flat Chinese Knot Cord
- 0.4MM Chinese Knot Cord (10 yards)
- 1.4MM Chinese Knot Cord (10 yards)
- Simple Silver Magnetic Clasp
- 8/0 Seed Bead Mix (22 g)

KNOTS:

- * Double Half Hitch Knot

HOW TO VIDEOS AND PDFs

- * Double Half Hitch Knot (Video)

TOOLS:

- * Zap Jewelry Gel
- * Lighter
- * Beadsmith Mini Macrame Board & Pins
- * Big Eye Needles

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Pathway is a fun and easy laddering project using 3 different sizes of Chinese Knotting Cord. 0.4MM for the laddering, 3MM Flat to create the path and 1.4MM for the borders.

The waves in this bracelet are naturally created by the 3MM Flat Chinese Knotting cord as it weaves back and forth through the design!

The path is created by bordering the 3MM Flat Cord with the same color beads and then increasing and decreasing the different colored beads on either side of the "Path"

We love to use the 8/0 bead mixes with this project because we already know the colors coordinate! You will need 4 of the colors from the mix.

Have fun, and don't forget to check out the Helpful Hint page at the end of this tutorial.



PATTERN

CLASP ROW: 6 BEADS ANY COLOR

ROW 1: 4R, 2G

ROW 2: 3R, 2G, 1B

ROW 3: 2R, 2G, 2B

ROW 4: R, 2G, 3B

ROW 5: 2G, 4B

ROW 6: REPEAT ROW 5

R: RED, G: GRAY, Y: YELLOW, B: BLUE

ROW 7: Y, 2G, 3B

ROW 8: 2Y, 2G, 2B

ROW 9: 3Y, 2G, B

ROW 10: 4Y, 2G

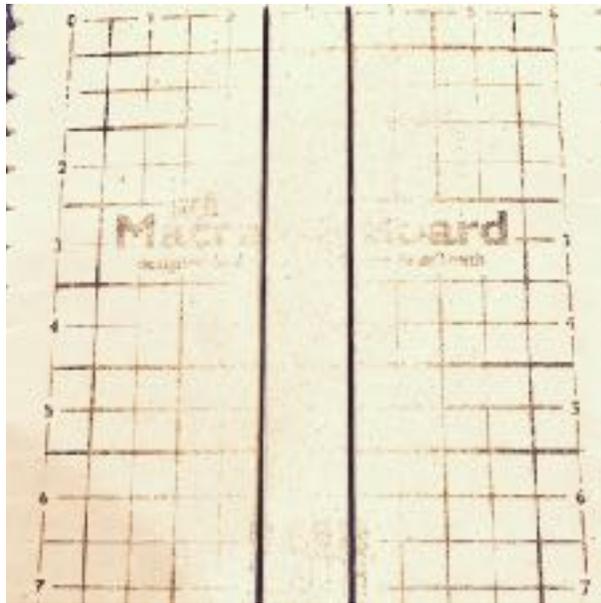
ROW 11: REPEAT ROW 10

END CLASP ROW: 6 BEADS ANY COLOR

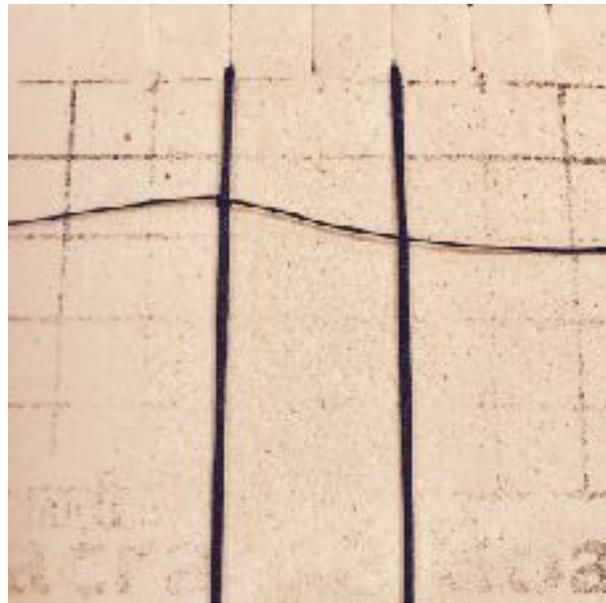
CONTINUE PATTERN SWITCHING COLORS AS YOU GO FOR EACH WAVE

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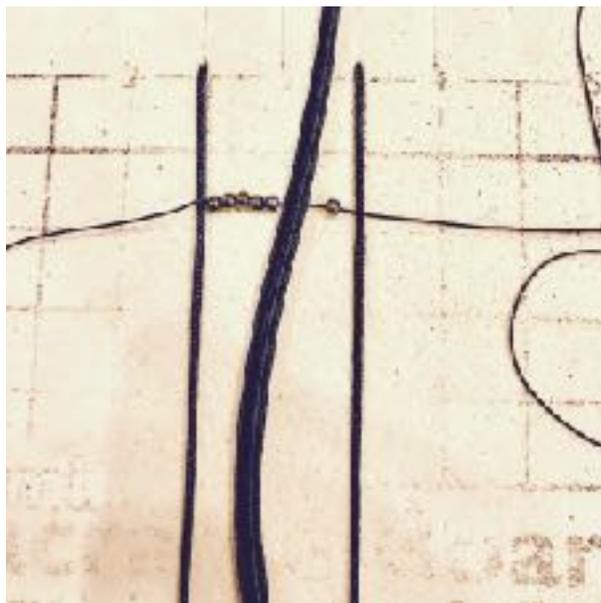
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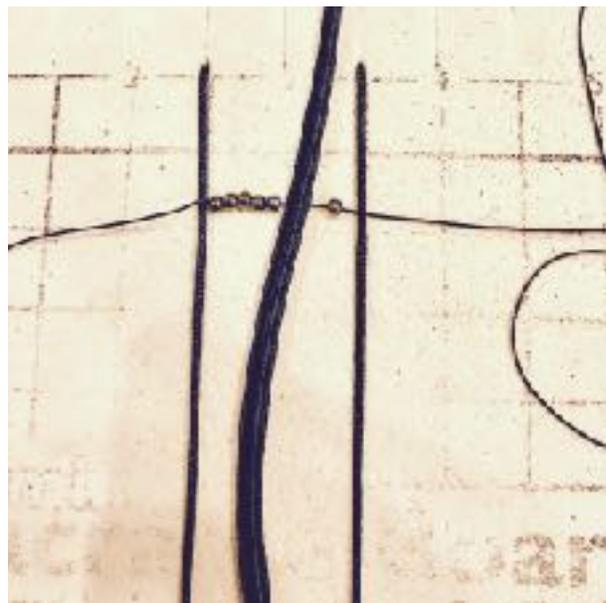
1) Cut two 12 inch pieces of the 1.4MM Chinese Knotting Cord and secure on macrame board with slots. These will be your border cords or the bracelet.



2) Cut approximately 4 yards of the 0.4MM cord and secure one end of it to the left border cord with a double half hitch knot. This is your Weaving cord.



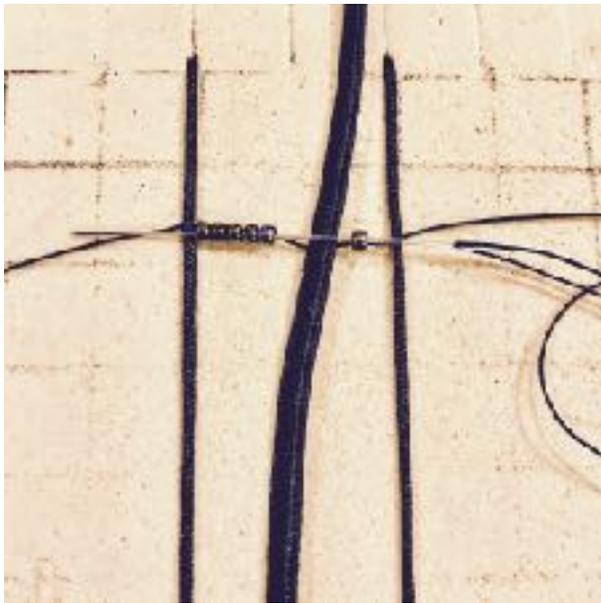
3). Cut a 12 inch piece of 3MM Flat Chinese Knot Cord and lay it in between the two Core Cords. This is the path cord. Pin in Place.



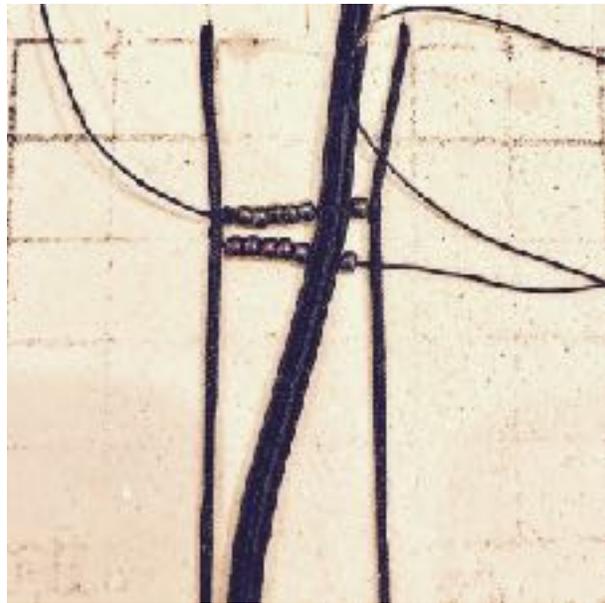
5). Thread 6 beads as your Clasp Row. Position 5 beads to left of path and 1 bead to right. Go under all border cords and path cords.

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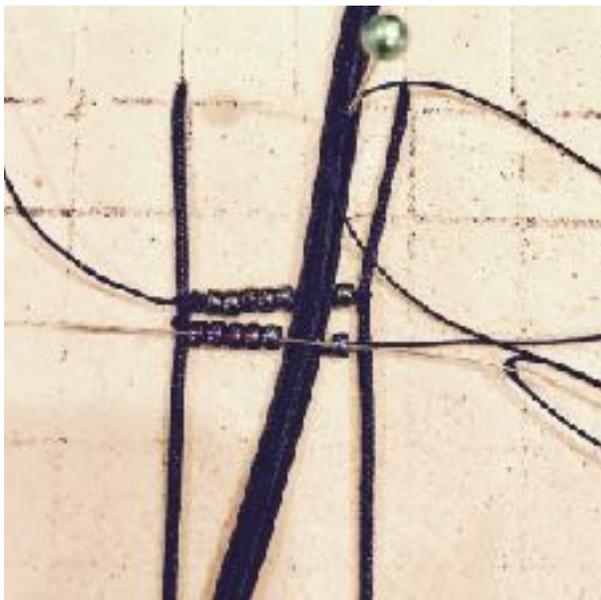
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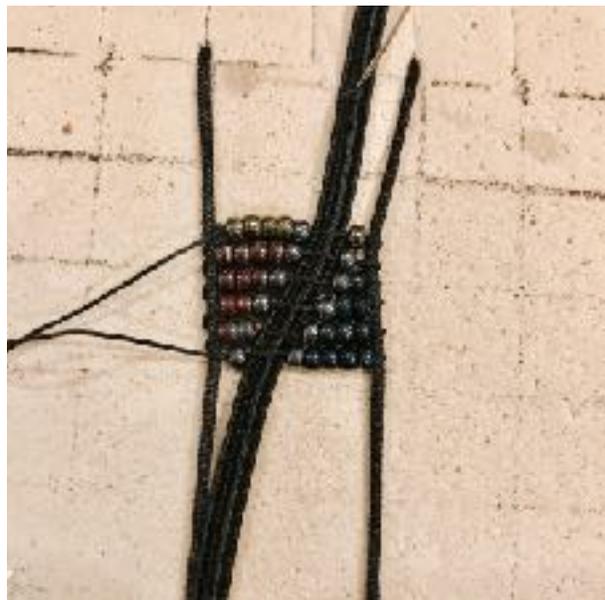
5) Bring thread back over the right border cord, thru one bead, over the path cord, thru the 5 beads and over the left border cord. Pull snug



6) Starting with the bead pattern thread 6 beads (4R, 2G) placing the Path Cord between the 2G Beads. Go under all border and path cords.



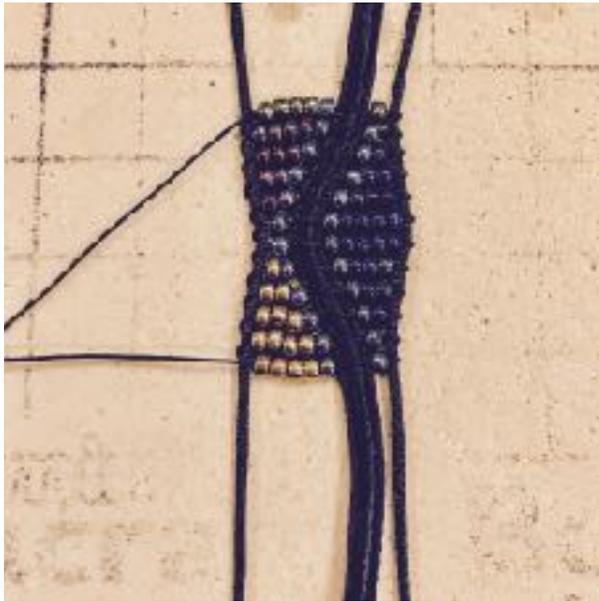
8) Bring thread back as before.. over all border and path cords and through beads as you come to them.



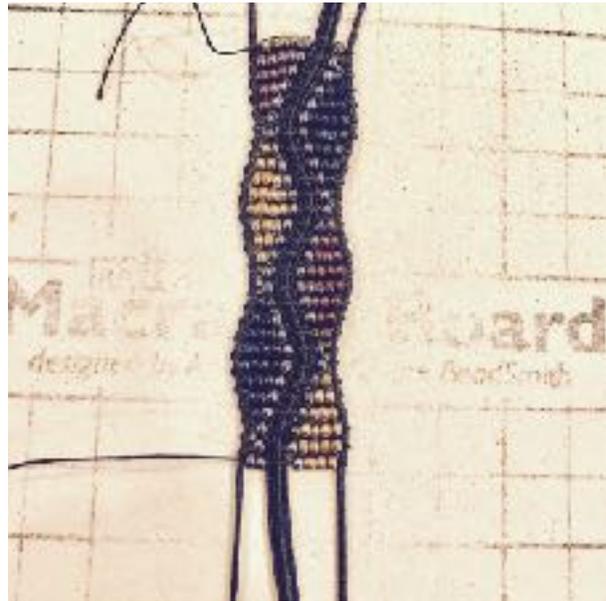
9) Continue Laddering following pattern. As you go, move path cord to the left always placing it between 2G beads.

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10) When the path cord reaches the left side, start moving it to the right increasing and decreasing beads on either side per the pattern.



11) You will see the waves naturally start to form as you work gets longer! Continue weaving for desired length. See below for calculating desired length.

Calculating Desired Length

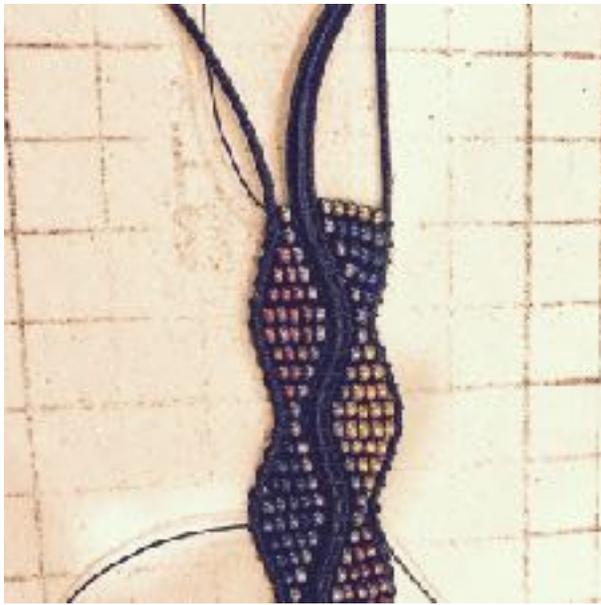
The total length of this bracelet should be the size of your wrist plus about 1/4 - 1/2 an inch. It looks best when worn comfortably but snug.

Bracelet length before clasp = Total Length - Clasp Width

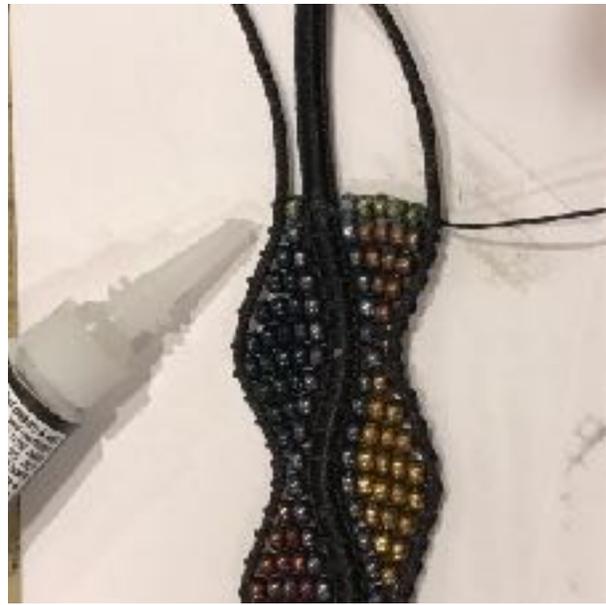
EX. My wrist is 6 inches so the we want the Total length of our bracelet to be 6 1/4 inches. Our clasp is 1/2 inch wide so we laddered for 5 3/4 inches.

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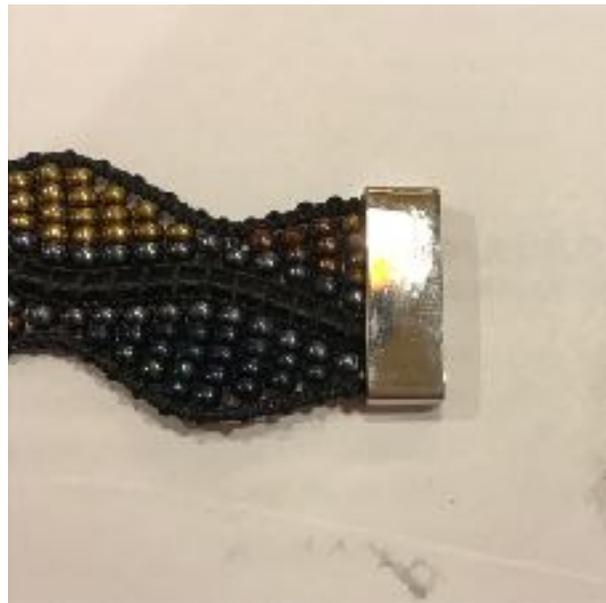
12). Finish with end Clasp Row. Our bracelet happens to end on a wave... your bracelet might not... it doesn't matter. Secure the Weaving Cord to the Border cord with a Double Half Hitch Knot.



13). To finish your work, put a small layer of Zap Gel on the beads of the Clasp Row (both sides) making sure to glue the Weaving Cord to the Path and Border Cords.



14). When glue is dry, cut the ends even and seal with a lighter.



15). Fill the Clasp with glue and attach the clasp making sure that all the beads in the Clasp Row are inside the clasp. FINI!

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Helpful Hints!

1. Do not pin the 1.4MM Border cords to the board. Use the slots in the macrame board instead. This creates enough tension on the border cords for you to ladder but also allows for the waves to naturally appear as you weave.
2. When weaving, pull each row of beads snug but not overly tight. You want the beads and the Flat Chinese Knotting cord to stay flat.
3. The Clasp Row and End Clasp Row are the first row and last row of weaving and are actually glued into the clasp. We like to make these two rows out of beads that are a totally different color so that we don't get confused and include them in the pattern.
4. When attaching the clasp, fill the clasp with glue rather than putting the glue on the beads. This will make a stronger hold and is also less messy.
5. 8/0 Seed bead mixes are perfect for this project especially if you have trouble choosing colors for your beads. We find it easier to weave and stay in pattern if we divide the beads up first by color. You will need 4 colors out of the mix plus a 5th color if you are making your Clasp Row and End Clasp Row a different color.
6. Questions? Feel free to email us karen@tanglesnknots.com!