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BFF BRACELETS

**BRAID, BEAD
& PERSONALIZE
12+ FRIENDSHIP
BRACELETS!**

100+ Beads & Charms!
Put a special twist
on every wrist!



*Gift
to your
besties!*



DESIGN YOUR OWN BFF BRACELETS



Besties are one-of-a-kind. Whether it's a whole crew or one special BFF, who else lifts you up higher and cracks you up harder? Show off all the good vibes with bracelets as unique as your friendships.



15 COLORFUL STRINGS



6 FEATURE CHARMS



6 "HAND"MADE CHARMS



100 ALPHABET BEADS



1 BRAIDING CLIP



6 GIFTING NOTECARDS

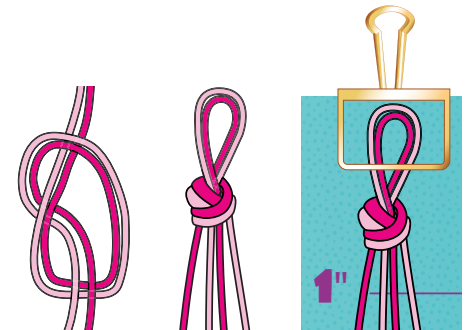
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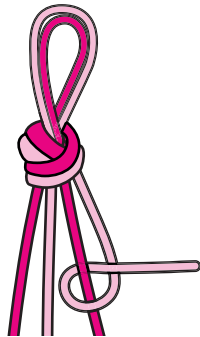
Let's get started!

First, the Loop

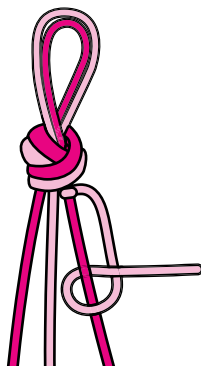
Tie the strands for your bracelet together using an overhand knot with a 1/2" loop at the top. For patterns using 72" strands, fold the strands in half to form the loop at the middle point. For patterns using 36" strands, fold over the first few inches to form the loop (or tie it, leaving ends loose). Secure the knotted end of your bracelet to this book using your braiding clip.



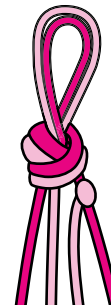
1 Working right to left, bring the rightmost strand over and then under the strand immediately to the left of it. Pull the end of the working strand through the loop.



2 Pull up firmly against the overhand knot at the end of the bracelet. This is called a half hitch knot.



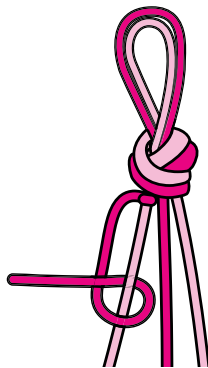
3 Repeat, tying a second half hitch knot using the same strand. You will see that the strands switch places. Always tie two half hitches for each knot before moving on to the next strand.



1 A left knot is just the reverse of a right knot. Bring the leftmost strand over and then under the strand immediately to the right of it.



2 Pull up firmly against the overhand knot at the end of the bracelet to complete your half hitch knot.



3 Repeat, tying a second half hitch knot using the same strand. Remember to always tie two half hitches for each knot before moving on to the next strand.





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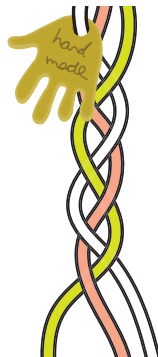
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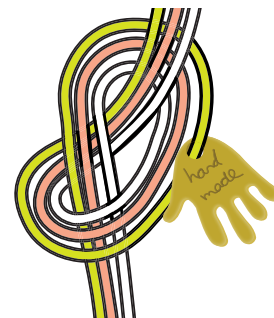
There are several ways you can finish your bracelet. We suggest adding a “hand”made charm at this point by looping it through a strand of your braid or knot to finish the look.

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**Don't forget to share
your creations with
us on Instagram!**
#doodlehogcrafts

1 Braided End: Divide all the strands at the end of the bracelet into three equal groups and braid them together. Secure with a knot.



2 Knotted End: Gather all the strands together in an overhand knot. You can tie the loose ends through your starting loop to secure the bracelet onto a wrist.



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Le French Toast Twist

You have great taste in friends and breakfast foods. Now you can braid a bracelet that's just as sweet! The sleek lines, bold color blocking possibilities and easy-peasy technique of Le French Toast Twist will have you saying, "oui-oui"!

Tip: Play around with the number of strands you use to make your bracelets thicker or thinner, and use the "Design your look" section on page 9 to plan out your color patterns.





Le French Toast Twist

Level:

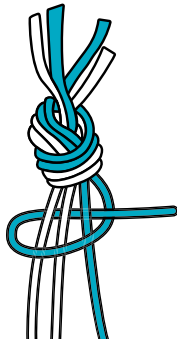
Beginner



What you'll need:

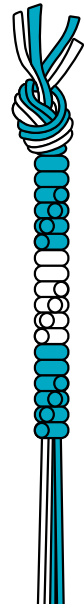
Start with at least four 36" strands. You can use more depending on the thickness you desire. Select your desired charms as well.

1 Beginning with the color strand of your choice, tie ten half hitch knots around all of the other strands. Both the basic right knot or basic left knot (see page 3) will achieve the same effect, so use whichever feels easier.

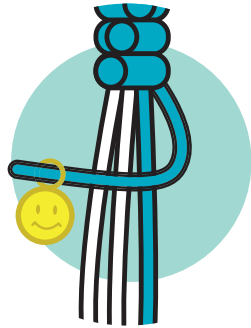


2 After you've completed a series of knots, select a different color strand and use it to tie another group of half hitch knots around the other strands. Continue with the remaining colors, repeating your desired pattern as you go.

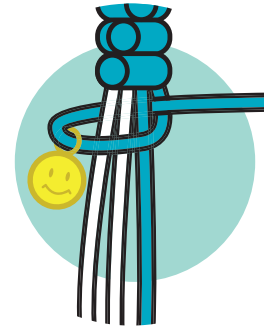
Tip: the more knots you tie with one strand, the shorter that strand will get - plan to use all of the strands/colors somewhat evenly to avoid running out of one color.



4 Once you are halfway through your braiding, don't forget to add a special charm! First, string it through a single strand of the bracelet.



5 Using a half hitch knot, pull the strand tightly to secure the charm. Then continue your half hitch knots to complete the bracelet.



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Designed for: _____

The look:



Notes: _____

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Four Strand Braid

A classy classic, but once you get to know her, she's a little more than basic. Don't let this seemingly simple braid throw you "four" a loop. It's perfect for the friend you can always depend on and the one who always keeps you guessing – bonus if she's both!

Tip: Mix up your colors by starting with four groups of 18" strands instead of two 36" groups folded in half. You can also mix strand colors within the groups for a less uniform look.





Four Strand Braid

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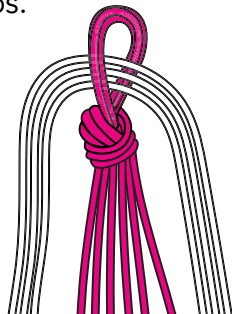
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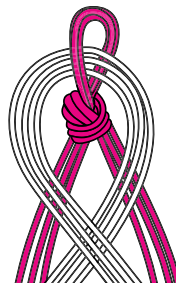
What you'll need:

Start with two groups of 36" strands. The design shown uses two groups of three strands each, but you can use more or fewer. Plus, pick out any charms you plan to add.

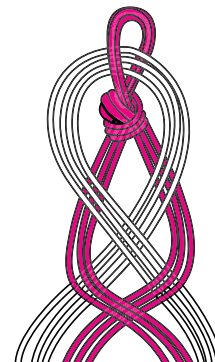
1 Fold one group of strands in half and tie a loop knot. Thread the other group of strands through the loop and center them over the knot. Now divide the strands into four groups.



2 Bring the outer right group of strands over the group to its left. Then take the outer left group of strands and bring it across the two groups immediately to its right.



3 Repeat with the new outer strands, crossing the outer right group over one group to its left. Then the outer left group over two groups to its right.



4 Before you end your braid, don't forget to add the "hand" made charm. Start by taking one strand and pulling the charm through it.



5 Using a half hitch knot, pull the strand tightly to secure the charm. You can then use an overhand knot with all of the strands to complete your bracelet.



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I ♥ The Square Knot

Sometimes bracelets speak louder than words. Express yourself! The square knot is perfect for putting your alphabet beads – and your heart – on full display. Whether it's an inside joke, an “oop” or your BFF's initials, they're sure to love it.

Tip: The two outermost strands are the colors that will be visible. Match them for a solid color, or mix them to create a dual-color bracelet. You can alternate color combos by bringing the inner strands to the outside for a series of knots.





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Level:

Intermediate



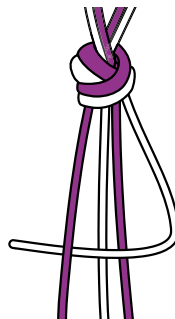
What you'll need:

Start with two 72" strands doubled over. Add more strands to each group if you want a thicker look. Pick out the alphabet beads and charms you'd like to include.

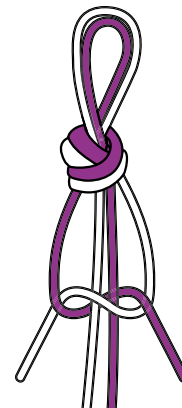
1 Arrange the strands in order to create the pattern you desire. To create a dual-colored bracelet, make sure the outermost strands are two different colors.



2 Bring the outer right strand over the two center strands and under the outer left strand.

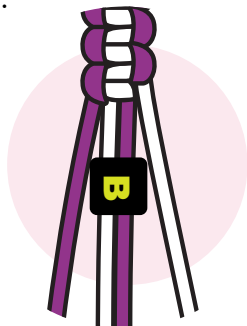


3 Next, bring the outer left strand under the two center strands and over the outer right strand. Pull tightly, then repeat.

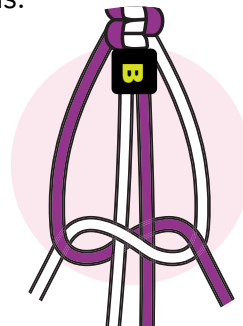


Getting started

4 Before you start adding alphabet beads, make sure you have all the letters picked out in order. Begin by taking the first letter and threading it through the two center strings - pushing it up against the last knot.



5 Next, secure each bead in place with one or two square knots. For long words, you might want just one to leave enough room. Pull your knot tightly enough to prevent the outside strands from slipping off the beads.



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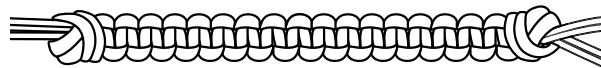
The look:



Notes: _____

Designed for: _____

The look:



Notes: _____

Peace, Love & Chevrons

Life is groovy. So why choose anything but happiness? The chevron design is full of go-with-the-flow, positive energy. Let it move you! Then, pay it forward to anyone who might need a little ray of sunshine wrapped around their wrist.

Tip: Once you get the hang of it, experiment with more strands to create a wider bracelet. Or, mix it up! Try starting with four strands of the same color on the left and four in another color on the right for an asymmetrical chevron.





Peace, Love & Chevrons

Level:

Difficult



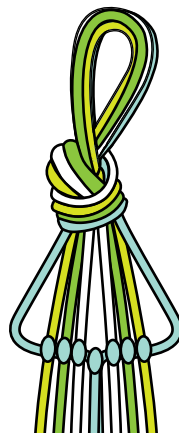
What you'll need:

Start with four 72" strands doubled over. For the symmetrical chevron look, arrange strands so that the colors mirror each other on both sides of the center point. Plus, pick out your charms!

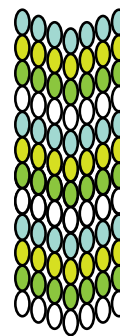
1 Using the outer left strand, tie three basic left knots (pg. 3) working toward the center of the bracelet. Then, using the outer right strand, tie three basic right knots.



2 Now the outer strands have met in the middle. Tie them together with another basic right knot at the center.

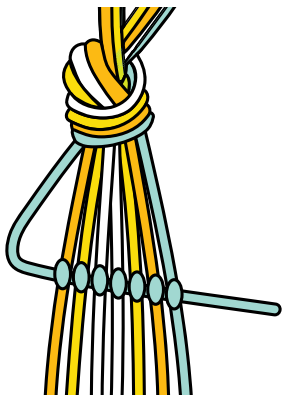


3 Using the two new outermost strands, repeat steps one and two with each row until you reach the desired length – looping a charm in part way through!

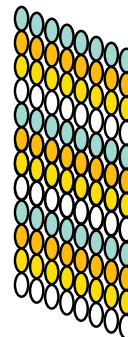


Getting started

1 Want stripes instead of chevrons? Start with the outer left strand and tie seven basic left knots all the way across until that strand ends up on the far right.



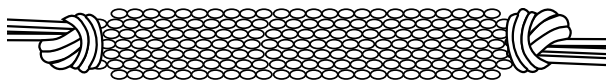
2 Grab the new left strand and repeat - making sure to include the far right strand as your last knot (it might not fall nicely in line with the others). Keep repeating until you reach the desired length.



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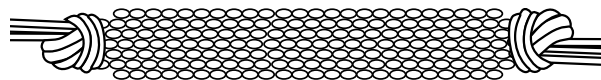
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Gifting Note Cards

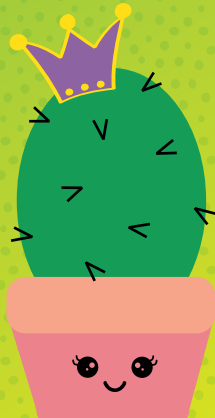
So, you've got the perfect bracelet for your friend - check! Now, it's time to pair it with the perfect sentiment.



- 1 Pick a design or doodle your own
- 2 Fold and tear along the perforated lines
- 3 Sign it or leave a note on the back
- 4 Tie your bracelet around the card
- 5 Make someone's day!

Let's get to the point.

You're
AWESOME.



#squadgoals

To: _____

From: _____

Because...

STAY
COOL.



You
make me
Smile.



To: _____

From: _____

Because...

