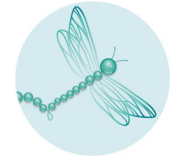




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Braiding Kumihimo with Riverside Beads

1. Measure the length you need your finished item to be, then cut 4 strands of cord each 4 times the length of your finished design, when you are first learning it's easiest to start with 2 contrasting colours.

Place the 4 strands together and fold them in half, tie the centre with a spare piece of cord. Nb: For a 8" bracelet a guide is around 4 mtrs of cord.

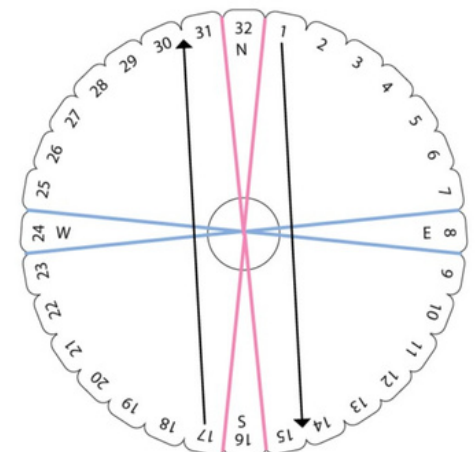
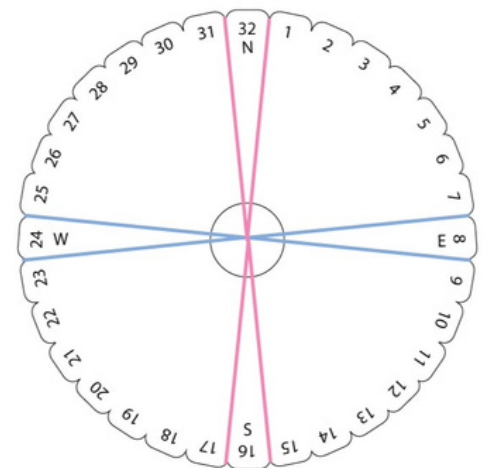
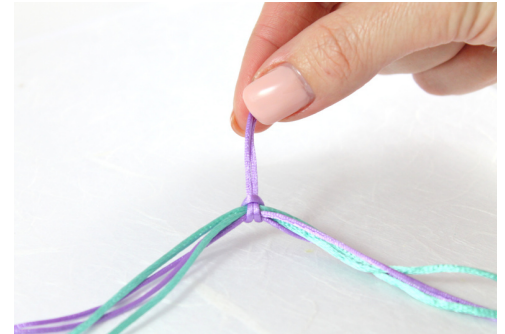
2. Push the centre of the cord through the middle hole of the disk (It can be useful to clip our kumihimo weight onto the scrap cord to help to pull the braid down)

3. For a standard 2 colour twist you will need to arrange the same colour cords either side of N and S and the same colour cords either side of W and E.

Place the cords in the slots. Check underneath to ensure that all the cords are equal before starting braiding.

4. Take the cord to the right of the "N", (between 32 and 1) and bring it down to the right of the bottom cord (between 14 and 15)

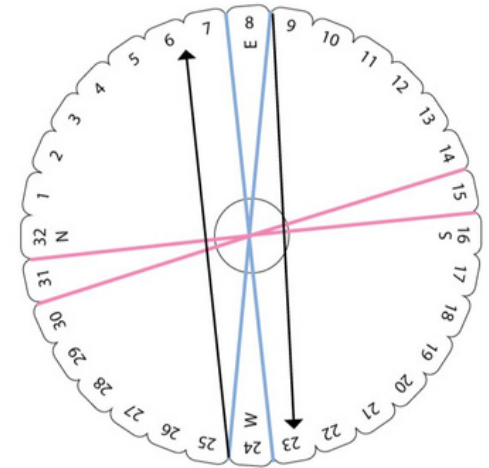
Take the bottom cord to the left of "S" (between 16 and 17) and take this up to the left of the top cord (between 30 and 31)



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5. Now turn the disk anti clockwise so that “E” is at the top and repeat the previous step, this time the cords from the top right (between 8 and 9) and will go to the right of “W” (between 22 and 23) and the cord from the bottom left will go to the left of “E” (between 6 and 7) Turn the disk a quarter turn anti clockwise again (“S” will now be at the top).



Repeat the previous steps by taking the cord to the right of the top cords and bringing it down to the right of the bottom cords and then the cord to the left of the bottom cords up to the left of the top cords and rotating anti clockwise after these 2 moves.

6. Continue to repeat the 2 moves and rotate until your braid is the desired length. When you are working out your size allow for the fastening will may add to the braid length when you attach it.



When your cord is the desired length, whip a fine cord round the braid underneath the disk to secure or tie the cords off on the top of the disk, take the braid off the disk and whip the braid. Cut off any surplus cord.

7. Untie the spare piece of cord that you started with and slide that out, separate your end cap and place glue into the cap, put the end of the cord into the cap and twist to ensure the glue secures the cord into the ends, leave to dry, repeat on the other side.





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