

BRAIDED MACRAME BRACELET TUTORIAL

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Sample Design Shown: **Palmwood Plait Bracelet**

Introduction: This multiple wrap bracelet has four parts:

- Beads, one or more different kinds
- 3 feet of one cord
- 6 feet of a second cord, which will be folded in half.
- A button or large bead

You can create an infinite number of designs just by varying the four basic components as well as the number of beads added.

Tools: Scissors, Super New Glue, and a lighter if using waxed nylon cord

Instructions:

1. To start this bracelet, we will form a loop for the button using the heavier cord.
 - a. If the longer cord is larger than the shorter cord (1.5-2mm), fold the longer cord in half and lay the shorter cord alongside the loop. Tie an overhand knot with both the cords, adjusting the size of the loop so the button just fits through the loop. Trim the shorter cord inside the loop and melt the end (if nylon); add a bit of glue to the top and bottom of the knot
 - b. If the longer cord is thinner than the shorter cord, fold the end of the shorter cord over to form a loop. Find the middle of the longer cord and lay alongside the loop of the shorter cord and tie an overhand knot around both cords. Adjust the size of the loop so the button just fits through the loop (Figure 1). Trim the ends of the longer cord and secure with glue.

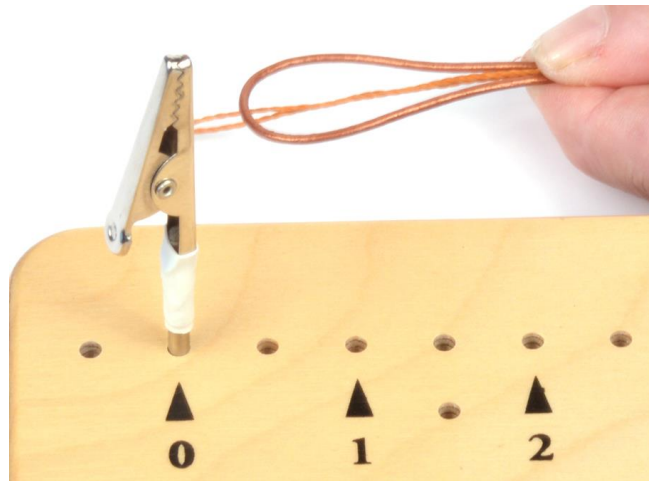


Figure 1

2. Begin to braid with all three lengths of cord. Note: If one cord is quite a bit heavier than the other two, it will almost look as if the thinner cords are “woven” around the thicker one. Add beads into the braid as you go. You can alternate the beads from side to side by adding a bead every 8 braids (Figures 2 and 3).

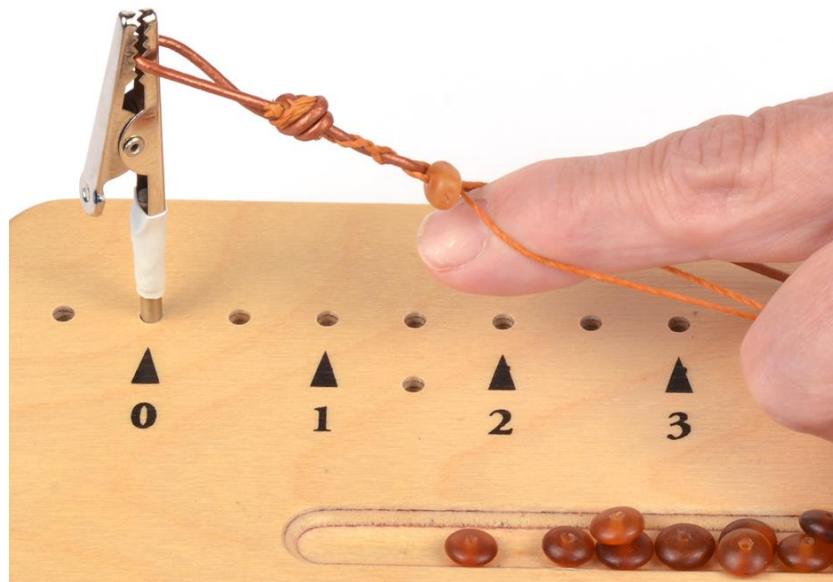


Figure 2

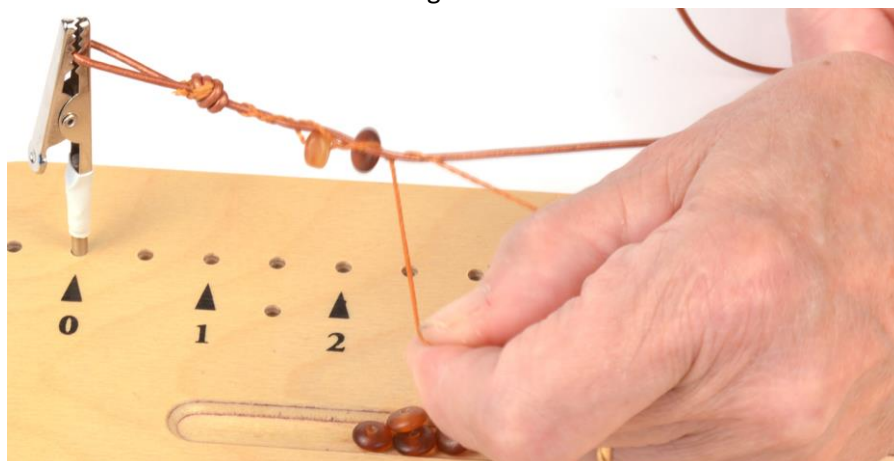


Figure 3

- Repeat until bracelet is the desired length. Tie an overhand knot with all three cords; position close to end of braid but do not tighten (Figure 4). String one strand of the heavier cord through the button shank or holes (depending on diameter of the cord) and insert back down through into the knot (Figure 5).



Figure 4



Figure 5

- Tighten knot (Figure 6). Trim and melt the center cord; trim both ends of the center cord close to the knot and use 2 or more drops of glue to secure the knot.



Figure 6