

Braided bracelet



Try this bracelet with any three colors you like. Gold, copper and silver or red, black and yellow are nice combinations.

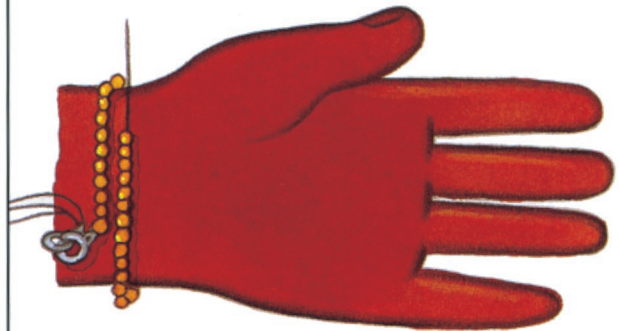
YOU WILL NEED

- 2 pieces of beading thread or fishing line, each 80 cm (32 in.) long
 - a clasp
- seed beads in three colors
- a beading needle (optional)
 - scissors
 - tape
- clear nail polish

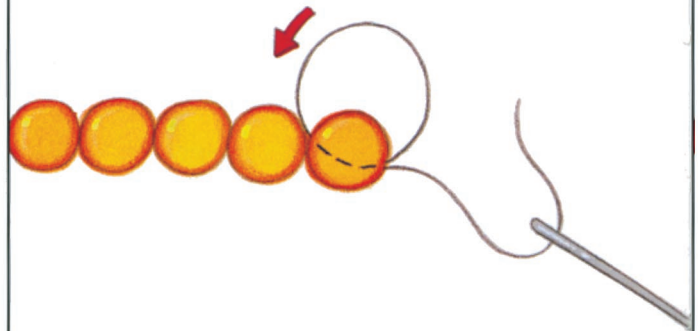
1 Hold one end of each thread together and pull them through the clasp. Center the clasp on the threads and fasten them securely with a triple knot.



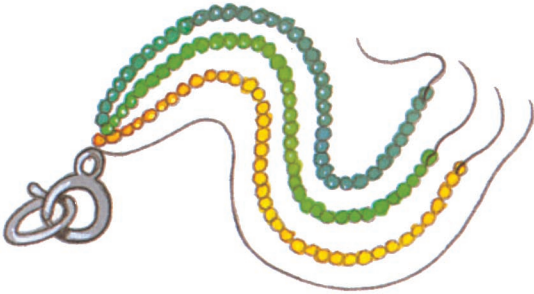
2 Bead one of the threads until the beads overlap around your wrist by about 4 cm (1½ in.).



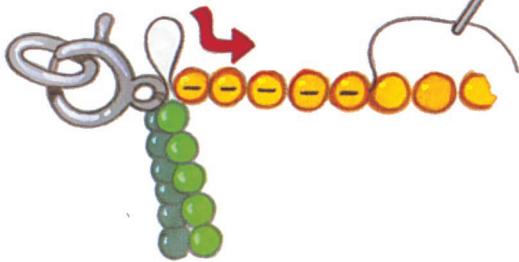
3 Draw the thread through the last bead one or two times to anchor it.



4 Bead two of the other threads to the same length as the first one. Anchor the last bead on each one.



5 Draw the fourth thread through several beads at the top of one of the beaded threads and trim it off.



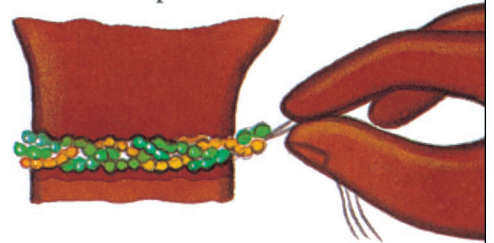
6 Tape the clasp to your work table (or ask someone to hold it). Make sure the beads on each thread are pushed up so that no thread shows between the beads.



7 Gently braid the beaded threads together. Hold the bracelet straight so that it does not twist or flip over.



8 When you reach the end, hold the threads together and try the bracelet around your wrist. It should be a little loose. Remove some beads if you need to make the bracelet smaller, or if you need to even up the strands.



9 Hold two thread ends in one hand and one thread in the other. Tightly knot them together against the beads. Tie on the other end of the clasp and draw the ends back through the beads. Trim the ends. Secure the knots with nail polish.

