Paracord Bracelet

Materials needed: 2 -16+ Inch Paracord Strings (Provided), 1 Black Buckle (Provided), Scissors, Clipboard (Optional), An Adult with a Lighter

Instructions

- 1. Fold your cards in half so the strings on either side are even.
- 2. Choose the color you want to have as the 'background' and the one you want to make the knots with.
- 3. Take your 'background' color and grab the 'tails' (the ends of the string) and stick them through the hole on the underside of the buckle.
- 4. Now take the tails of your other cord (I chose blue) and stick them through the same hole.
- 5. Arrange the cords in the buckle so the tails of the color you want to make the knots with are on either side of the two 'background' color's tails.
- 6. Pull the cord through until both of the arches (the middle of the cords) are close to the buckle.
- 7. Stick all 4 tails back through both of the arches.
- 8. Pull all of the tails until the arches are tight against the buckle.
- 9. Take the cord on the left and make a 4 shape with it.
- 10. Take the cord on the right, pull it over the left tail so it is on top of it.
- 11. Stick the right cord behind the two middle cords and through the hole of the '4'.
- 12. Pull both tails tight until the knot touches your arches by the buckle.

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- 13. Now make a P shape with the cord on the right.
- 14. Pull the cord on the left over the tail of the 'P' so it is on top.
- 15. Stick the right cord behind the two middle cords and through the hole of the 'P'.
- 16. Pull the knot tight against the first one.
- 17. Repeat steps 9-16 until your bracelet is the right length to go around your wrist and touch the other side of the buckle.
 - The hardest part is remembering which side comes next. If you mix it up, your knots will start to look weird.
 - While you're making your knots, it can be helpful to stick your buckle in the metal clamp of a clipboard so you don't have to hold it.
- 18. When your bracelet is getting close to the right length, stick the two middle cords through the other side of the buckle.
- 19. Fold the two middle cords and pinch the cords against each other.
- 20. At approximately 3-4 knots distance from the buckle, cut the middle cords.
- 21. Continue making knots, now going around all 4 middle cords. It's okay if the ends stick out a little. Your adult will help with this.

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- 22. When you reach the end of the bracelet, cut the ends of the other cord short so they can be fused to the cord.
- 23. Get your adult to melt the ends of the cord (the ones inside and the ones at the bottom) and fuse them to the bracelet with a lighter.

Ta da!



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