

Make Friendship Bracelets!



Have a grown-up help you make these pinkerrific bracelets using colorful string. Then give them to your friends or family members.

You'll Need:

- colorful yarn or embroidery floss
- cardboard
- pencil
- scissors
- ruler
- round object to use as a stencil, such as a lid or drinking glass (about 5" in diameter)
- (optional) beads and pipe cleaners



Directions:

- 1 Use a round object to trace a circle onto the cardboard.
- 2 Have a grown-up:
 - a. cut out the cardboard circle
 - b. divide the circle into eighths
 - c. cut half-inch slots on each line
 - d. poke a hole in the center of the circle
- 3 Choose the colors you want to use. Cut seven strings for your bracelet that are 18" long each.
- 4 Match up the strings and tie a knot about an inch from the ends. Thread the strings through the hole in the cardboard and pull them so the knot is against it.
- 5 Take one string and place it in a notch in the cardboard. Do the same with the other six strings. You'll have one extra notch without a string.
- 6 Ready to weave? Turn the cardboard loom so the empty slot is facing your body. Start at the empty slot and count the strings counterclockwise. When you get to the third string, unhook it and move it into the empty slot.
- 7 Turn the loom so the empty slot is facing your body again and repeat. Count to the third string, unhook it, and move it to the empty slot. You're weaving! As you weave, you'll notice your bracelet getting longer.
- 8 When the bracelet is long enough to wrap around your wrist, unhook the strings from the slots. Pull the strings through the cardboard.
- 9 Tie the bracelet around your friend's wrist and cut off the extra string.

