Mermaid Tail Jewelry Maker #6172000

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ends together.

your wrist and knot the

adding pearls. Size it to

Continue braiding and

# ADVANCED MERMAIDS

# Mermaid Tail Braid (also known as a fishtail braid)

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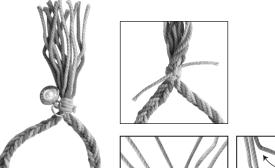
Braid your cord 6 times, then insert

Follow the basic braid instructions. Pearl Braid Bracelet

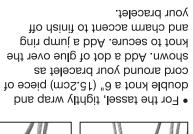
for each color; for necklaces measure 36" (91.4cm) for each color. or 2-3 different colors. For bracelets, measure out 16" (40.6cm) of cord You will need 6 strands of cord. You can make them all the same color

- Slide the ends throught the slit of your braiding tool. If needed, you can tie
- them in a loose knot before inserting.
- Start your braid with 3 cords on the left, and 3 like-color cords on the right.

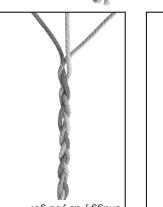
- Keep the color pattern the same on each side.
- Holding the tail tool between your knees, move the far right cord to the inside
- left; then move the far left cord to the inside right.



(5cm) for the tassel. approximately 2" your wrist allowing bracelet against measure the sides. As you work, pattern alternating • Continue this











sundally as you go. end of the cords Pull steps until you reach the (3) Repeat the last two

> Follow the pictures to start braiding. comfortably between your knees, as shown. Place the narrow part of the mermaid tail

the top slit of the mermaid tail. a loose knot. Slip the knotted end through cord. Tie one end of the cords together in Measure out three 12" (30.5 cm) pieces of

## Basic Braided Bracelet

Knot end

older mermaid to craft with you.

Learning new skills takes time and patience; if you need help, ask an

# BECINNER MERMAIDS



Learn how to weave trendy mermaid braids, pearl bracelets and other sea-worthy accessories. Add the charms, mermaid scales and beads to make bracelets and necklaces "to dive for"!

Safety First! Keep all supplies and necklaces away from small children and pets.

#### **Getting Started**

- Your kit includes enough materials to make up to 10 accessories. Plan out your designs first. For inspiration, look at the samples included on the box.
- Lay a towel on your work surface this will keep your supplies in place. You will need a pair of scissors and 2 small containers to hold your seed beads.
- Use the handy ruler printed on the instructions to measure out your cord.

# THE BASICS

#### **Bead Threader**

You will use the threader when working with the colored and natural cord. Use the bead threader to pull the string through the sequin & pearl beads.



# **Opening Jump Rings**

Use the jump rings to attach charms. Twist the jump rings apart to open and then twist them back together to close. Use pliers to open and close the gap as needed.

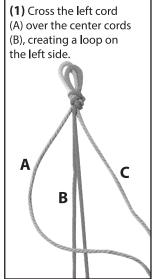


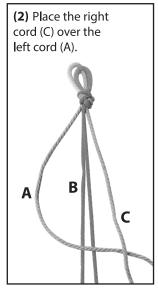
Helpful Hint - for extra security, add a dot of glue to the opening of your jump rings and on the knots in your jewelry cord.

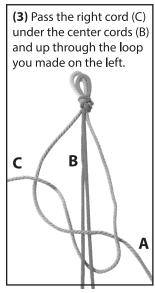
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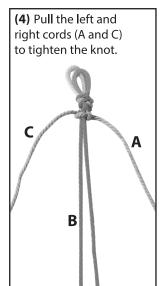
#### **Square Knot Bracelet with Pearls**

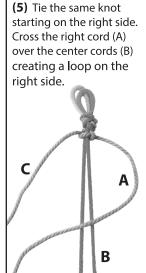
You will need 2 strands of cord. Measure out 32" (81.2cm) of cord for the short strand and 64" (162.5cm) for the long strand. Fold the 2 strands in half and knot them together 1/2" (1.3cm) from the fold. Slip the knot into the top slit of the mermaid tail and place the mermaid tail between your knees. Put the short strands in the center and a long strand on each side.

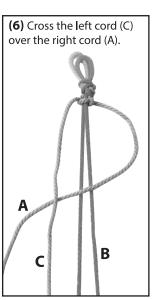












### **Seed Bead Jewelry**

You will use the spool of clear cord to complete your seed bead projects. Measure out 20" (50.8cm) of clear cord for necklaces and 12" (30.5cm) for bracelets.

#### Note – the seed beads are small and will not work on the colored cord.

Tie a lobster clasp onto the end of your clear cord. Make 4 tight knots.

Add seed beads, pearls and charms to your jewelry.



When you are done beading, add a jump ring to the end of your jewelry – tie 4 tight knots to hold it in place. Add a dot of glue over your knots for extra security.



\* Always measure against your wrist or neck for a perfect fit.

#### **Anchor Clasp**

Use the anchor charm to attach your bracelet. Size your bracelet to your wrist. Create a small loop on the one end of your bracelet (like a button hole). The anchor charm should be able to slip in and fit snuggly. If the loop is too big, untie it and make it smaller. Attach the anchor to the other end of the bracelet using a jump ring or tie it on with cord. Use the anchor like a clasp, as shown.



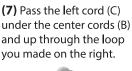
#### **Mermaid Sequins**

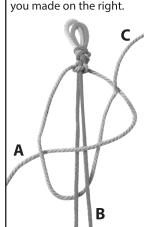
Add a dot of glue to secure the sequins in the circle settings.











(8) Pull the left and right cords (A and C) to tighten the knot.
Pull the B cords down.

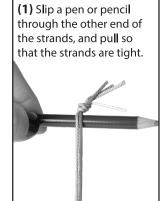
(9) Repeat steps 1-8 continuing to make knots until you have completed 5 knots. Add a pearl through the 2 center strands (B).
Continue to knot and add

pearls.

(10) Size the bracelet to your wrist then finish with knot and pearl.
Slide the ends of your jewelry through a pearl.
Tie a large knot to hold it in place. Wrap the bracelet around your arm and insert the pearl into the loop on the other end to secure it.

#### **Twisted Cord**

You will need 4 cords - 26" (66cm) each. Knot the cords together at both ends. Slip one of the knots into the top slit of the mermaid tail and place the mermaid tail between your knees.



(2) Start twisting the pen in one direction. You'll know when you've twisted enough because the cord will start to twist on itself when you loosen the cords.



(3) Put your finger on

the halfway point of the

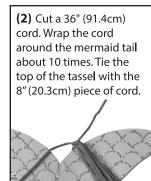
(4) Measure the bracelet around your wrist. Pull the two knotted ends through the loop on the other end. Leave enough space to pull it on and off. Remove from wrist and tie a knot around the loop.

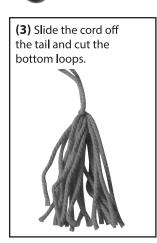


**(5)** Trim the ends. Add jump rings and charms.

#### **Making Tassels**

(1) Cut 2 pieces of cord 8" (20.3cm) long. Lay one on the top of the tail as shown.





(4) Take the other piece of cord. Wrap and double knot it around the top of the tassel as shown. Add a dot of glue to secure.



- (5) Attach the tassel to your jewelry by tying it on or glue it into the sequin bead like this cute example:
- \* **Helpful hint** use the bead threader to pull the tassel through the bead. Tie or glue it in place.



### **Silver Twist Circles**

- Attach the cord and charms to the silver twist circle as shown.
- Decorate the twist by wrapping cord around it and knotting it.



#### Seashell Bead

Add cord & charms to the seashell bead. Use the jewelry threader as needed.

