

Leather Wrap Bracelet

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Supply List

- Size 11 Delicas – number of colors and amount determined by pattern, but generally 1 to 4 colors, and fewer than 5 grams each
- 1.5 or 2mm leather (Greek leather preferred, or high quality Indian leather like Leather Cord USA brand)
- Button for clasp
- Beading thread (or Fireline)
 - Size D type beading threads (Hana, One-G)
 - S-Lon cord – micro weight size
- Size 10 or 11 beading needle, OR a Big Eye Needle
- Glue – I like to use a fast-dry glue like Super Glue on these (Optional)
- Scrap cord (I used rattail) to secure to board (Optional)
- Wax (Optional)



Follow along on the YouTube video!

<https://youtu.be/rWPNZI7QuJk>



Getting Started

Measure the leather by holding one end in your fingers, and then wrapping it around your wrist how ever many times you want it to be when you're finished. Then double that amount (because you need the leather on both sides of the bracelet. If you're nervous about the amount of leather – add a few more inches. You can't add length later, so don't skimp! Cut it to that length.

Next you'll attach your clasp button – either by putting the leather through the button hole, or by making a double wire wrapped loop with one wrapped loop through the button hole, and the other you can string your leather through. Center the leather on the button.

Tie a simple overhand knot with the two loose ends of the leather. You'll want to un-knot this later, so don't tighten too much!

Using the scrap cord, loop it through the center of the leather next to the knot you just tied, and then around your tray (or macrame board, or cookie sheet, or Bead On It Board) and then loop it under the button. Then tie a knot with the ends of the scrap cord, tightening it down on the tray. You can move and adjust the leather portion as needed on the top of the tray – sometimes by gently shifting it – or else by untying and retying the scrap cord as necessary.

Next we'll tie on the thread. I used mine doubled, but you can use a single length if you prefer.



Take the end of your thread, and tie it over both sides of the leather right under the button. To tie a square knot, cross the right side over the left, and tighten down. Then cross the left side over the right and tighten down. I then tie a second square knot for security.

Note: many leather wrap bracelet instructions have you attaching your beads using two thread ends that criss-cross inside the beads. Personally, I hate having to try to navigate two-cord techniques, so I've done mine using a single thread.

Now weave the thread over and under each side of the leather, pulling tightly together, but leaving a thread-wrapped portion. I usually make this $\frac{1}{4}$ " – $\frac{1}{2}$ " long – but it's up to you how long you make yours!



Add the Beads

You can decide what kind of pattern you want to use on your bracelet – I've included a number of options for you on page 4. The basic technique will be the same for all of them. In my sample in the video, I did one row 3 beads wide of each of four colors of Delicas.

We'll start by gradually increasing the number of beads on each pass until you've reached the full width of your pattern.

So with your thread moving under one side of the leather, pick up one bead. Then move the thread OVER the opposite piece of leather and then back under, and then through the bead(s) between them. Take the thread over and then under the piece of leather where you started to get in position to add the next bead(s.)

This time, pick up 2 beads. Pass over the opposite piece of leather, and then back through the two beads. Finally, pass the thread over and under the original piece of leather.

On the next pass, you'll reach the full width (in the case of the sample) of 3 beads wide.

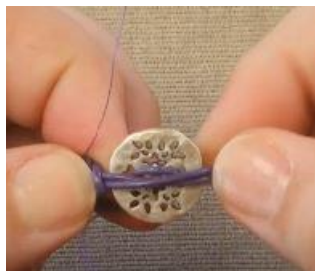
Keep adding beads in this manner in the pattern you desire until you have reached the length you need.

Figuring the Length

Measure the spot where you tapered up on the starting end, because you'll need to repeat that on the second end. The end knot is about $\frac{1}{4}$ " long. So you'll need to take that into account as you figure out the length. Start measuring from the button. It worked out for me to have the end knot hit at the same measurement as my wrist. The ease of the bracelet came in from the second knot where I created the buttonhole.

Finish the Bracelet

You'll reverse what you did at the beginning. First, taper down the way you tapered up. Then repeat the thread wrap over and under the leather cords to bring them together. If you used double thread, cut off the needle, separate the two ends, and use them to make a few square knots over the leather cords to end them off. Cut the tails short and add a dab of glue if desired.



Remove the bracelet from the tray. Tie an overhand knot with the two ends of the leather held together, and work it down so it sits just past the thread wrap.

Measure the button you used against the leather end, and tie a second knot just past the width of the button. Cut off the extra leather.

Enjoy your bracelet!



Bead Patterns

It is SO MUCH FUN to make new patterns for the wrap bracelets! Here are some I've created that you can use. Note: the red outline shows one full pattern repeat for each design.

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