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### Paracord Bracelets

Paracord bracelets can serve many purposes. Having a whistle or a compass on one of these bracelets can help you in an outdoor situation, especially if you get lost. The bracelets are also made to where they can easily be unwoven so that you can use the paracord for many purposes. For example, the paracord could be used to make a fire if you do not have enough firewood or as a buckle to keep your backpack closed. To make one of these useful bracelets, you should just gather the materials, pick the color and measure the wrist, attach the buckle, cut the correct length of cord, make the knots, and finish the ends.

The first step in making a paracord bracelet is gathering your materials. You will need paracord, a tape measure or ruler, scissors, buckle clip, and a lighter. The amount of cord that is used will vary according to wrist size. The tape measure or ruler is used to measure the wrist size. Scissors are needed to cut the rope whenever it's ready to be cut. The buckle clip has to be used to connect the ends of the bracelet in the end. The lighter is needed to melt the cut ends of the cord so that they do not unravel.

The second step in making a paracord bracelet is to find the colors that you want to use and measure your wrist. To begin picking out the color, think about a favorite color, and decide if you want to also use another complementing color to go with it. After that, start measuring your wrist with the rope. The length of rope should be the size of the wrist that it is going to be worn on. It should not be too tight to be put on, and it should not be so loose that it falls off

when worn. Then cut the rope a few inches longer than the length it needs to be, making sure the sides of the rope are even for each color used.

The third step in making a paracord bracelet is attaching the buckle. Hold the ends of the cord together, and find the center of the loop. Take the center of the cord, and pull it through one end of the buckle clip. (It does not matter which end.) Now pull the cord ends through the loop until it's tightened up and attached to the buckle.

The fourth step in making a paracord bracelet is finding the exact bracelet length for your wrist size. Measure the bracelet twice because once is to get the cord length and the next is for the buckle length. Take the buckle apart, and pull the free ends of the cord through the other part of the buckle, sliding it up towards the attached part. Then measure the distance between the two buckle ends for the bracelet size. The bracelet size should be the size of your wrist. You should add about one inch to your measured wrist length because that way when the bracelet is finished, it will give you a comfortable fit in the end. The measuring is from the part with the prongs to the flat part of the buckle.

The fifth step in making a paracord bracelet is starting to make the knots. Take the rope on the left side, and place it underneath the center strands. Now take the cord on the right side that is under the left-side rope, put it over the center strands, and put it through the loop of the left-side cord. Make the cords tight so the half knot that was just made is right next to the buckle. Now take the right side of the rope, and put it under the center strands. Then the left-side rope will go under the right-side cord and go over the center strands. It should go through the loop of the right-side cord. Tighten the cords to where they connect with the other knot, and now you have completed a full knot. Continue doing this with the left side and the right side, alternating the sides as you go. Not alternating will make your knots twisted, and you will just have to undo

the knot and do it all over again. Keep tying the knots until the space between the buckle ends is filled.

The final step in making a paracord bracelet is to trim the excess cord and melt the ends. You are now going to use the scissors to trim off any extra cord close to the last knot you tied. It is easier to trim one at a time and melt that end with the lighter. Wait a little bit for the melted cord to cool, and then use your thumb to press the melted end onto the surrounding cord so that the ends harden. Be very careful with this step. The melted cord gets extremely hot, and it is very easy to get burned. If the fear of getting burned is a concern, something good to use instead of your thumb is a butter knife because it is flat and easy to use.

Obviously, making a paracord bracelet is as easy as following these six steps. You must just have the right materials and carefully stick to the procedures to produce this helpful bracelet.