

# PARACORD BRACELETS

### **SUPPLIES:**

Provided in kit:

- 10 ft. length of paracord
- · side release buckle

You will also need:

- scissors
- lighter for melting ends



### **INSTRUCTIONS:**



#### Find the center of the cord

Hold the ends of the cord together and find the center of the loop. Take the center of the cord and pull it thru one end of the buckle (either side of the buckle, it doesn't matter). Now pull the cord ends thru the loop until it's tightened up and attached to the buckle.



## Finding and testing the bracelet length

Take the buckle apart and pull the free ends of the cord thru the other part of the buckle, sliding it up towards the attached part.

When they look like a good length of bracelet, test the size by wrapping the cord around your wrist and adjust the placement of the second buckle to be comfortable.

For an easy
video tutorial, we
recommend this
one from
KevinBrauer on
YouTube:
https://youtu.be/
UKSGg2luCLI



### Start making the knots

Take the cord on the left side and place it under the center strands running between the buckle ends. Now take the cord on the right side under the left side cord, over the center strands, and thru the loop of the left side cord. Tighten up the cords so the half knot you just formed is next to the buckle.

Now take the right side cord under the center strands. The left side cord goes under the right side cord, over the center strands and thru the loop of the right side cord. Tighten up the cords(not too tight, just until they meet the resistance of the knot) and now you have a completed knot. You will continue doing the alternating the left and right sides as you go. If you don't alternate, you'll quickly see a twisting of the knots, just undo the last knot and alternate it to correct. **Keep tying the knots until you have filled the space between the buckle ends.** 











### Trim the excess cord and finish

You can now use your scissors to trim off the extra cord closely to the last knot you tied. You can finish the ends two ways:

Trim one at a time, and use a lighter to quickly melt the end you cut. (A stick lighter is recommended). **You must be careful with this step.** Go slow and hold the paracord *near* the flame rather than *in*. The melted cord is extremely hot, and it's possible to get burned.

An alternative to melting the ends is to tuck/pull the ends under the last couple of knots, then trim them to finish.

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