

Create a Stunning Braided Bracelet (in just 30 minutes!)



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Hello,

Thank you so much for signing up for the instructions on how to make a braided bracelet.

I have created this for anyone who wants to try their hand at a new skill, with minimal resources and time, BUT produce something useful and beautiful!

Although most of the items I craft are from leather, it is very easy to use another material to make the same item. These bracelets are wonderful when made from felt - a material that is readily available and easy to cut.

The only problem you are likely to encounter is which colour to use!

Make them in any width and any length - long enough to wrap double maybe?

Lastly, trust the process. It may look as if your bracelet is a tangled mess but just follow the instructions, and be pleasantly surprised!

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Materials required

- a piece of leather***, felt or material that doesn't fray (at least 25cm long and as wide as you would like the bracelet)
- a 30cm ruler and fine marker pen
- a craft knife
- a cutting board (or old piece of wood/chopping board to cut material on)
- time and patience!

***an old leather belt?

a leather bag, picked up from a charity shop?

leather from an old dining chair?

The Process...



step one

Cut a strip of leather/felt/fabric which doesn't fray to the width of bracelet you would like.

Ideally the width will be easily divisible by 3. For example, 15 mm, 18mm, 21mm or 24mm.

The length is not important at this stage but needs to be at least 25cm.

step two

Mark 2 lines on the leather, each 15cm long, making sure they are equally spaced.

So, if the width of your bracelet is 15mm, draw one line at 5mm and one at 10mm. The lines also need to be drawn in the middle of the strip of leather.

For example, on a 25cm strip, there should be 5cm at each end left uncut.



step three

Use the craft knife and ruler (preferably metal) to **CAREFULLY** cut the two parallel lines.



step four

The piece of leather should now look like this.

step five

Hold the bracelet with strands 1 and 2 in your left hand and strand 3 in your right hand.



step six

Take the bottom of the bracelet and flip it up and over, between strands 2 and 3.



step seven

Now to start braiding...left over centre, right over centre, left over centre

step eight

You will now have 2 strands on the right and 1 strand on the left.



step nine

Take the bottom of the bracelet and flip it up and over between strands 1 and 2.



step ten

Carry on braiding...right over centre, left over centre, right over centre.



step eleven

Now flip the bottom of the bracelet again, up and over between strands 2 and 3.



step twelve

More braiding.., left over centre, right over centre, left over centre.



step thirteen

Now flip the bottom of the bracelet between strands 1 and 2.

step fourteen

Time to neaten up your bracelet.
Make sure all the strands are now laying flat - your bracelet is nearly complete!

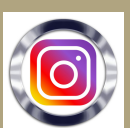


step fifteen

Time to fit your bracelet around your wrist. The braiding will shorten the original length, but if it is still too long, just use the craft knife to take an equal piece off each end.



Fastenings - these can be anything you choose. Poppers work well, or buttons, or just a simple piece of thread through each end (use a needle) and tied. The choice is yours but I'd love to see what you have made so don't forget to tag me on social media!



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