How-To Make a Hex Nut Bracelet

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Supplies to purchase:

Instructions 7 hex nuts 54" macramé cord 36" macramé cord 24" macramé cord 1 binder clip

Supplies from home:

Scissors

Craft glue or clear nail polish (recommended) Clipboard (recommended), or other stiff board Video link at bottom for square knot instructions Skills required: tying knots & square knots

To learn how to make a square knot for this project, try these sites: http://www.minieco.co.uk/macrame-square-knot-string-hexnut-bracelet/ https://youtu.be/7pYRzUU_QTc Crafts Unleashed: DIY bracelet tutorial: http://blog.consumercrafts.com/jewelry-main/diy-shamballabracelet/

Instructions:

- 1. Take the 36" cord and clip it to the clipboard so about 6" of length is dangling above the top of the clip and about 30" of length is hanging down. Secure the bottom with the binder clip. This is the center cord.
- 2. Set aside the 24" cord and 2 hex nuts for now.
- 3. Take the 54" cord and lay it under the center cord. Fold it in half to make sure both sides are even.
- 4. Start by making four square knots with the 54" cord.
- 5. Thread a hex nut onto the center cord.
- 6. Make one square knot.
- 7. Thread a hex nut onto the center cord. Repeat until all 5 hex nuts are threaded onto the center cord, and have one square knot in between each one.
- 8. After you add the last hex nut to the center cord, make four square knots.
- 9. Tie a single knot at each end of the 54" cord so they are tight and snug up against the square knot. Trim the end of each knot. Tip some glue at the end of each knot to keep it from unraveling.
- 10. Unclip the center cord from the clipboard. Overlap the top and bottom ends of the center cord so they are parallel and the cut ends are facing in the opposite direction (see video).
- 11. Take the 24" cord and lay it under the overlapping ends of the center cord (see video).
- 12. Make 3-5 square knots along the cords. For a small wrist, just make 3-4 square knots. For a larger wrist, make at least 5 square knots (more if you have enough cord left to make a knot at the ends).
- 13. Tie a tight knot at the end of each cord of the last square knot. Trim the end of each knot. Tip glue on the ends so they don't unravel.
- 14. Take the 2 remaining hex nuts. Add one to the end of one of the center cord. Make a double knot that is big enough at the end so the hex nut cannot slip off. Repeat on the other center cord.
- **15.** To tighten the bracelet, hold the smaller set of square knots, pulling at one of the cords with a hex **nut until** it starts to slide. Do the same with the other cord. Keep adjusting until the bracelet fits.
- 16. To loosen, hold the main part of the bracelet and the square knot and gently pull.