

Friendship Bracelet

This is an easy but a time-consuming project. Find a well-lit area to work in and use a paper plate or hand towel underneath your hands to catch any stray, falling beads. (Your vacuum—and mom—will thank you.)

What you'll need

- Between 60 and 90 small safety pins, all the same size (We used size 00.)
- Graph paper and pencil (optional)
- Strong elastic cord
- Super glue or other strong glue (optional)
- Seed beads in a variety of colors
- Paper plate or a small towel to use as your workstation
- Scissors



How to make it

1. Add seed beads to the safety pins in whatever color or pattern you wish. If you want a specific pattern, use the graph paper and a pencil to test out your idea (optional) before starting on the pins. Make sure you add enough beads that they cover the pin completely but leave enough room for it to close.
2. After you have about 50 pins completed, cut a piece of elastic about 12 inches long and loosely knot it at 1 end (to keep the pins from coming off when threading). Now thread the cord through the top holes of all the pins, making sure all the pins' beaded sides are facing the same way.
3. Wrap the cord around your wrist to see how many more pins you'll need to cover your wrist. Finish those pins and add them to the elastic cord.
4. Untie the knot at the end of the elastic and retie both cord ends together in a tight knot, and add a drop of glue to the knot to keep it from coming apart (optional). Clip the ends of the cord close to the knot.
5. Cut another piece of elastic about the same length of your original and thread the cord through the bottom holes of the safety pins. Tie the ends together tightly, glue (optional), and clip ends. Now it's ready to wear.