

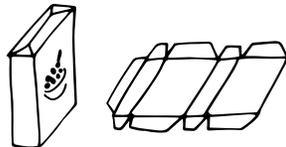
# WARPED WEAVE BRACELET

The elastic cord in this bracelet allows it to slip over your wrist without having to unhook it. It can form hourglass-shaped waves if desired. A simple bead weaving technique is used, but different sized beads can create the warped effect.

## Materials & tools needed:

- Scissors
- A strong beading needle or sewing needle
- Beading thread, thick craft thread or upholstery thread that matches your elastic cord (black works well)
- A piece of cardboard from either a cereal box or large cracker box
- A piece of packing tape
- Covered elastic cord at least 1mm or 1/16 inch wide and 4 feet long (black works well)
- Beads in various sizes, with holes large enough to pass your needle through twice at the same time. The smallest should be no smaller than 2mm or 1/8 inch wide. The largest should be no larger than 8mm or 5/16 inch wide. To create a warped shape, more than one size of bead is needed, but ensure that the bead sizes increase gradually by only 1mm or 1/16 inch (for example: use 2mm, 3mm, 4mm beads together). See note about bead sizes in the suggested pattern section.

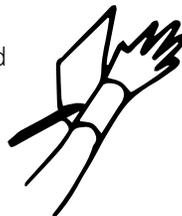
**1** To make a bead loom that fits your wrist, first flatten a cereal or cracker box.



**2** Cut a 5 inch wide strip that can wrap around your wrist.



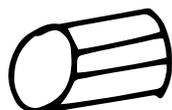
**3** Wrap the strip around your wrist tightly and mark with a pen.



**4** Trim the extra cardboard and tape shut (packing tape works well).



**5** Smooth out the tape and trim off any bits of card or tape to neaten the loom.

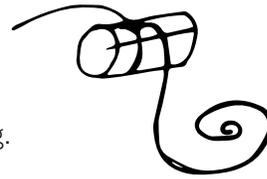


**6** Cut a piece of covered elastic beading cord (at least 1mm thick) to 60 inches long. Black cord works well.

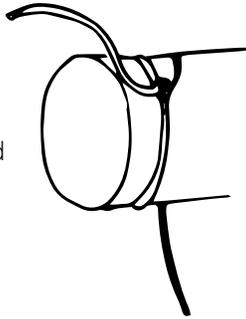


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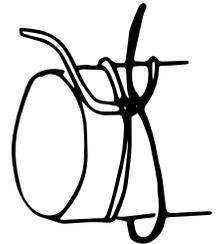
**7** Wrap the cord once around the loom, making sure the elastic is loose and not stretching at all around the loom. Tie a knot, leaving a tail at least 4 inches long.



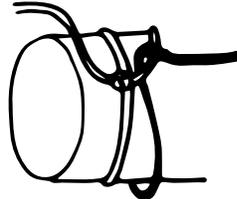
**8** Loosely wrap the long part of the cord over the top of the loom and back to the front.



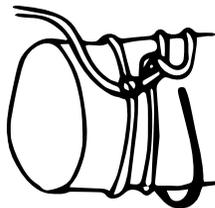
**9** Loosely pull the end of the long cord through the loop created at the top.



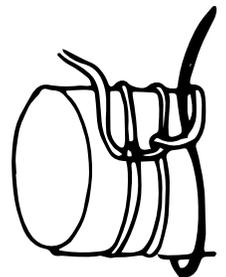
**10** Using your thumb to steady the wrapped cord, pull the end of the long cord to the right, crossing over the loop.



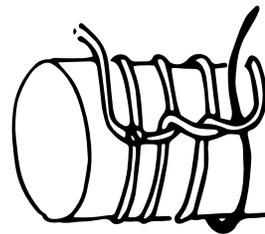
**11** With your thumb holding the cord in place, loosely wrap the long cord around the loom again, bringing the end up from the bottom again.



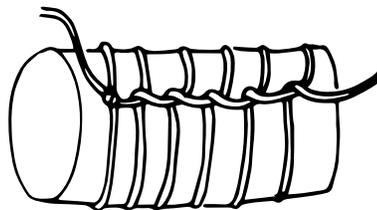
**12** Pull the end of the long cord through the new loop created.



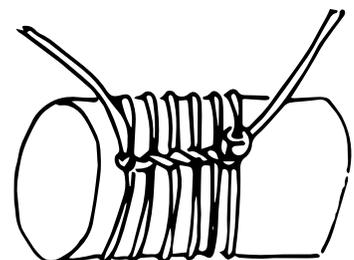
**13** Continue this process of loosely wrapping the loom and pulling the cord through the created loops, holding the line of loops in place with your thumb.



**14** When 5 spaces have been created between the lines of cord, or 6 lines of cord now wrap the loom, you are now done wrapping.

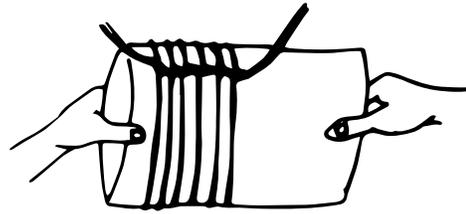


**15** Tie the cord around itself in a tight knot, being sure not to pull the wraps themselves too tightly around the loom. Trim the remaining cord leaving 4 inches of cord attached to the knot.

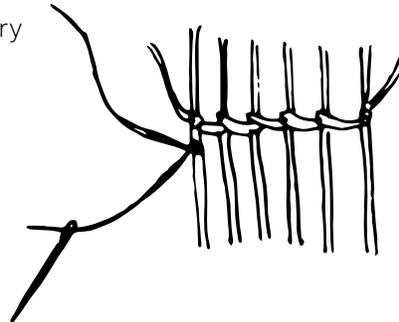


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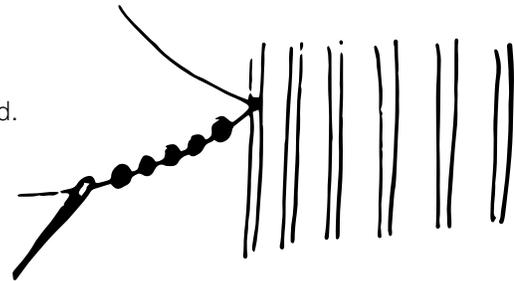
**16** Squashing the loom a bit at this point to make it flatter makes it a bit easier to squeeze the beads under the elastic as you weave them into the bracelet.



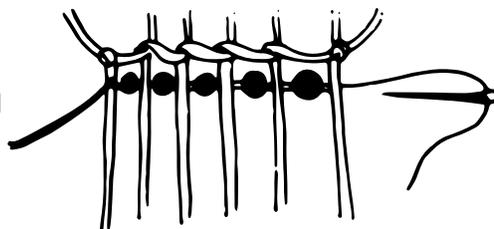
**17** Use thick craft thread, beading thread or upholstery thread to string your beads. Thread matching your cord color will help blend the two together. Begin with 3 feet of thread. Tie the end of the thread to the first elastic cord on the left using a tight double knot, leaving about four inches of thread as a tail. Thread a sewing or strong beading needle onto the long piece of string.



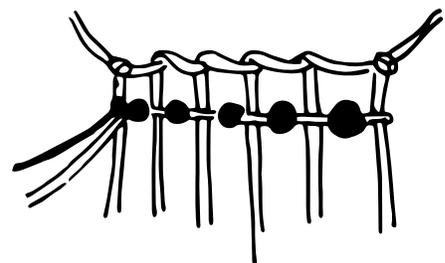
**18** Start by stringing 5 of your smallest beads onto this thread. Note: the beads should be at least as wide as the cord itself.



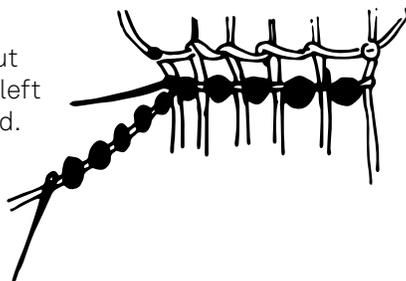
**19** Pull the beads underneath the lines of cord, spacing each of the beads so that they are each divided by a piece of cord between.



**20** Using the needle, pull the long thread through all five beads, from right to left, now making sure that the thread is crossing over top the cord strings. The thread will sandwich the cord, thus trapping the beads between onto the cord.



**21** Your needle will come out where it started, on the left side of the leftmost bead. String five more beads.



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Pushing the beads up from underneath, place each of the five beads between strands of cord. Pass the needle through the beads from right to left, again sandwiching the cord and trapping the beads between the strands. Continue this process, adding beads always from the left and from underneath, and trapping them on the cord by passing the needle through the beads and over the cord from right to left.

**Ending a thread, adding a thread, and finishing.** Depending on how long your bracelet and thread are, you may run out of thread as you go and need to add another thread. In any case, you will need to end a thread when you have completed your bracelet, and need to finish up any of the loose thread tails left that are attached to knots.

## To end a thread

Before you completely run out of thread, when you get to about 4 inches left, tie the thread to the leftmost elastic cord in a tight knot. [A] Sew back through at least two rows of beads using the needle. [B] Retrace the path your needle took when weaving those two rows on. As you make a final exit through a row, trim the thread close to the edge of the bead row so it isn't noticeable. [C]

## To start a new thread

Tie thread tightly onto the leftmost strand of cord using a double knot. [D] Leave a tail at least 4 inches long after the knot. Continue weaving strands of beads as instructed. Once three or four lines have been completed, thread a needle onto the tail left with the knot. [E] Following the path your needle initially took, sew back through the beads for at least two rows. As your needle makes its final exit, trim the thread close to the edge of the bead row so it isn't noticeable. [F]

## Finishing the bracelet

Use the above steps to clean up any threads left from starting or ending the bracelet.

