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Beaded Key Fob



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Materials

3 ft of 275 or Type 1 paracord

Beads

Clasp or split ring

{Cost for this project starts at \$5.45}

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This project can be altered to fit your style and preference as well as be used to make a bracelet. The size hole of your bead will determine what size cord you need to use. If making a key fob, you can use many different clasps or split ring. If making a bracelet, we recommend using a bracelet clasp such as the anchor or button clasp.



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Step 1: Find the center of your cord and thread your clasp to the middle.



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Step 2: Bring the top cord and wrap it a full wrap around the other side.



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Step 3: Bring the same end down through the loop you created.



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Roll the knot back and forth between your fingers and pull the ends to tighten.



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Thread both ends through the bead going opposite directions as shown. Move the bead close to your previous knot.



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Step 5: Bring the same end down through both loops. Tighten the knot by rolling it between your fingers and pulling the ends.



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Continue adding beads and knots as desired. Because the barrel knots act like a slip knot, we ended our key fob by tying an overhand knot with both cords.



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Step 4: Create a barrel knot by wrapping the bottom cord twice over the other cord.



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You can also make bigger barrel knots by wrapping it more times. Here are examples of it being wrapped four times down to one time.



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Trim the ends and add a bead. If using 275 cord, melt the end very well and flatten it to keep the beads on. If using type 1 cord, tie a knot in each end.



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For a bracelet, you can use a small trigger clasp and clip between the last two knots. We found the trigger clasps to be a little difficult to fasten onto your wrist by yourself. We recommend using one of the bracelet clasps at the beginning and fasten it in the space between the last two knots. Space the last knot accordingly to fit your clasp.



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This is an example of the same key fob made with type 1 paracord but without the knot between each bead. We used three pink ribbon glass beads and four small silver spacer beads with two silver spacer beads on the ends.