Paracord Coaster

Materials:
- 10 ft of 550 paracord
- Pushpins
- Cardboard or foamboard

{Cost for this project starts at $1.99}

Step 1: Attach one end of the paracord with the top pushpin leaving about a two inch tail.

Step 2: Slightly curve your cord and attach with the bottom left pushpin. Lay the rest of the cord on top of your curve.

Step 3: Loosely attach the cord with the bottom right pin. Leave enough slack so the cord will reach the top right pin.

Draw or trace a circle on a piece of cardboard or foamboard about 3.5" in diameter. Insert five pushpins as shown.
Step 4: Curve the working end up and lay it between the pins at the top as shown.

Step 5: Bring the working end under cord 1 then over cord 2 and under cord 3. Pull through.

Step 6: Bring the working end over cord 4 and under cord 5.

Adjust and even the slack in your cords and use the last two pins to create this star shape.

Step 7: Bring the working end over cord 6 and lay it next to your other end.

Step 8: Follow your starting end by weaving the working end over and under each strand as needed. Lay the working end on the inside of the starting cord.
Try to keep your cords next to each other as you work. Your coaster should look like this after you reach the starting end again. Continue following your cord around until you have four or five passes.

Once you have the same number of strands in all sections of your coaster, bring the working end to the back side of the coaster near your starting end.

Trim the working end long enough to reach the starting end. Carefully melt and join both ends together.

Now you are ready to put your coaster to good use.

This coaster has five passes using about 10 ft and measuring a little over 3 inches wide.