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Reins Five Strand Braid



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Materials:

Five 10 ft pieces of 550 paracord

Two ¾ inch Conway Buckles

Two 25mm trigger clasps

{Cost for this project starts at about \$15}

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Step 1: Melt the five strands of paracord together one by one and side by side as shown.

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Attach a clip to the top of your cords or secure the ends down to make it easier to keep a tight braid as you work.

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Step 2: Bring the far left cord over the next left cord and under the center cord. That strand will be the new center cord.



Step 3: Now bring the far right cord over the next right cord and under the center cord.



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Repeat steps 2 and 3 until you reach the desired length. You will want to keep your braiding tight and untangle the cord ends as you work. If you need to take a break, try to clip the cords with two on one side and three on the other. This will help to keep the braid from loosening. Then start back with the side with three cords.

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Once you reach the desired length, trim and melt the ends together as you did at the beginning. We recommend reinforcing the melted ends by either wrapping them with micro cord, or sewing the ends with thread. Then if your melted ends break apart your braid won't come unraveled.



Step 4: Bring one end of your reins through the Conway buckle as shown.



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Step 5: Thread the clasp onto the short end of the rein then bring the short end back through the Conway buckle.



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Make sure the prong on the buckle is inserted through both layers of the rein to keep secure. Repeat steps 4 and 5 with the other end.



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We used five 10 ft pieces of paracord for these reins. Our braid when measured from melted end to melted end was about 6 ft 9 inches. When in the buckles, the braid measured about 6 ft long.



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Similar reins can be made with a regular three strand braid as shown using six or nine strands separated into groups of two or three. If using nine strands, you may need a larger buckle for the wider weave.