Woven Box Knot Necklace

Materials

Two 5-6 ft pieces of Type 1 paracord
Small pop barrel connectors
Beads

(Cost for this project starts at $5.87)

Step 1: Fold one cord in half and measure about 8-9 inches from the middle. This will be one side of the necklace. Cross the cords where you measured so it forms a loop.

Step 2: Make sure the right side of your first cord is the working end pointing up and the left working end pointing down. Bring your second cord behind your first cord until the middle rests under where you marked your length.
Step 3: Cross the left and right cords over the center cords with the left cord A at the top and the right cord B at the bottom as shown.

Step 4: Bring the top working end down over A and under B.

Step 5: Bring the bottom working end up over B and under A.

Pull the four working ends until a square shaped knot forms. You should still have a loop for the side of your necklace.

Repeat steps 3-5 two or three times or more as desired.

Add a bead onto the bottom right cord and repeat steps 3-5.
Repeat steps 3-5 one or three times then add another bead. Continue the same pattern. Once you have finished adding beads, tie the same number of knots as you did at the beginning.

Once your knots are tied, trim two of your cords so the remaining two point the same direction as your starting two. Melt the trimmed ends and smooth them flat.

You can add additional beads to each end if desired to help close the gap between the two cords.

Insert the two strands into one side of the pop barrel connector and tie or melt the cords together to keep them from pulling back out. Repeat with the other side.

This necklace can be made with larger sizes of cord, but may need larger barrel connectors to secure. We used about ten feet of Type 1 paracord for this necklace that measures about 18 inches from end to end or about 8.5 inches long.

We based our necklace on a design by Tarun Upadhyaya. To see their original instructions visit: https://www.instructables.com/id/Woven-Ethnic-Necklace/