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DIY Paracord Bracelet with Tips from Kimball!

Kimball loves making and wearing paracord bracelets and they are a camping must have! The result not only gives you an awesome looking bracelet to wear, but in times of need, the bracelet can be undone and gives you several feet of usable paracord to help with any tying needs you might have around camp.

Kimball's suggested Materials:

- Paracord, around 8-10ft
- 1 set of buckles
- Scissors
- Lighter (to smooth over cord ends)

Instructions

1. Find both ends of your paracord, bring them together and move your fingers up the cord to find the centre of the paracord which will be a loop

2. Feed the loop through one end of your buckle (doesn't matter which end)



3. With the loop sticking out of the buckle, take both loose ends of the paracord and feed it through the loop, pulling tight to securely attach the buckle to the cord.



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4. Take the loose ends of the cord and feed them through the other end of the buckle.

Kimball's tip: Make sure the cord is not tangled or crossed over each other, from buckle to buckle the cord should be organized and smooth.

5. Slide the cord end along the second half of the buckle until you get your desired length of the bracelet.



Kimball's tip: Wrap it around your wrist and overlap the buckle ends to make sure it's big enough



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6. Layout the cord as seen in the below image and secure the second end of the buckle in the desired length with a two-step knot described in step 7 and 8. You can tape the buckle down if that helps you keep everything organized.



7. With the left outside cord, create a “4” pattern with the cord laying on top of the middle two cords.



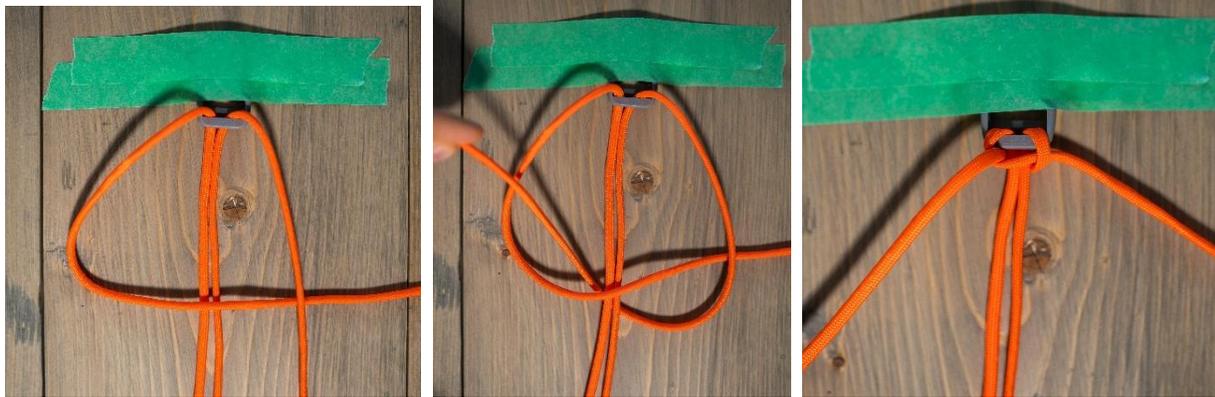
8. Place the cord on the right over the “4” cord and slide the right cord under the center cords and up through the loop created on the left (that started out as a “4”). Pull tight to secure buckle making sure it is still at the desired length for the bracelet.



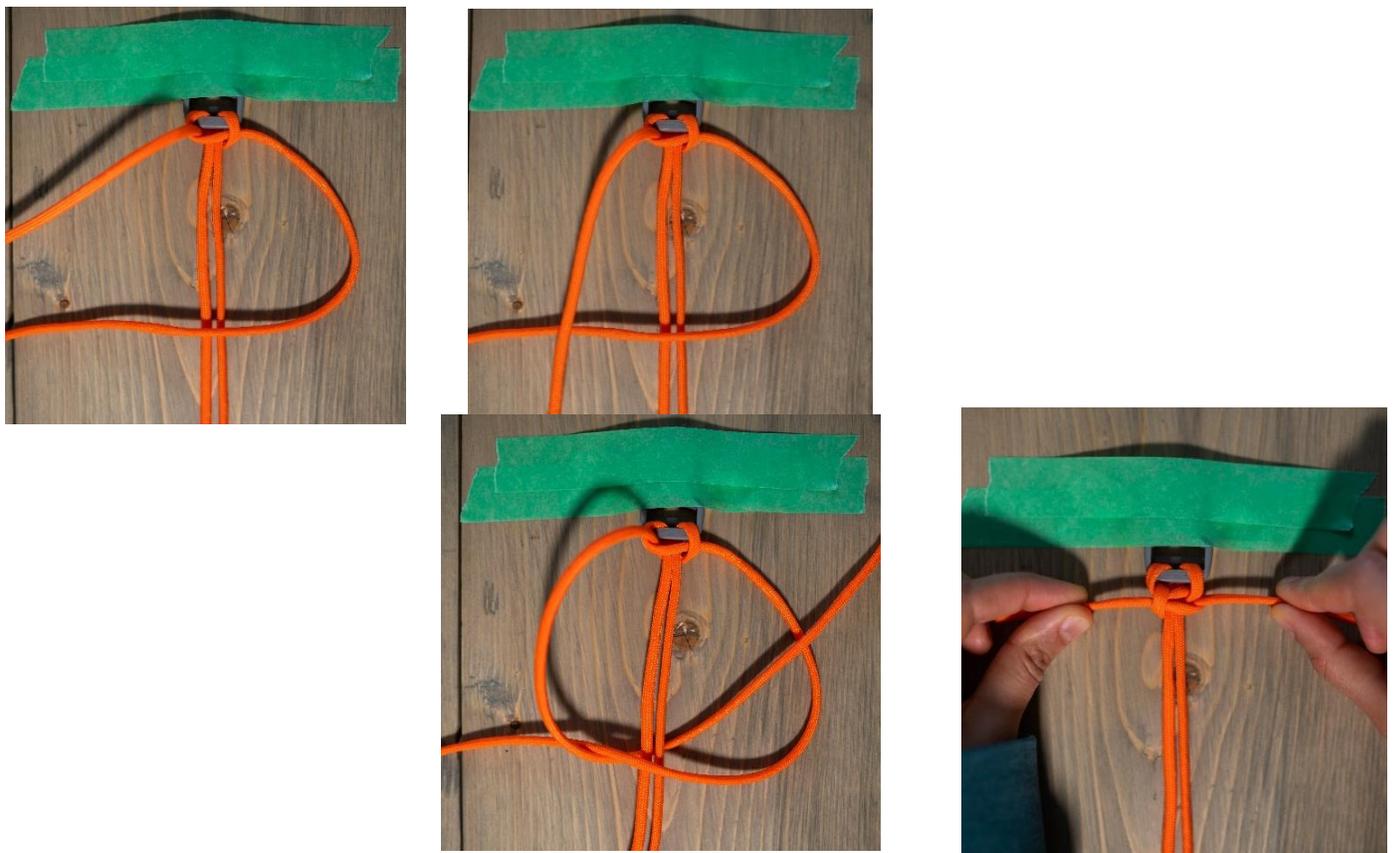
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Step 9. Repeat steps 7 and 8 but in reverse. Bring the far-right cord over the center cords creating a “D” pattern, the left cord is places over top of the right. Bring the left cord under the center two cords and through the “D” loop created on the right. Pull tight.



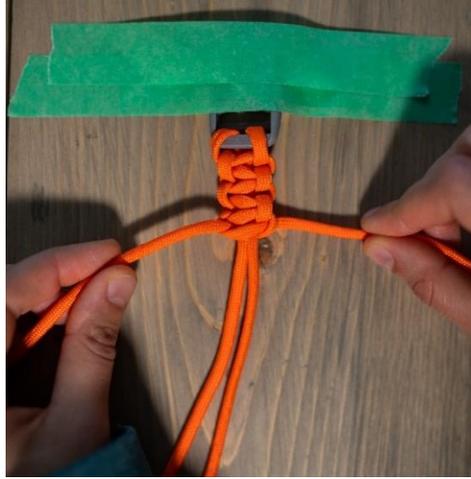
10. Continue to repeat the knot alternating from starting with the left and right cord to create your bracelet.



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11. At the end of the bracelet, you will have two loose ends. Trim and melt the ends with a lighter to prevent fraying of cord.

Kimball's tip: You can either tie the ends and burn them together OR if you don't have enough cord, just burn them together. To burn the ends, heat them over a lighter, when they start melting, remove them from the heat, press the ends together and they will stick! Use a cup of water to wet your fingers or a cloth to press the ends tighter together. When attaching the loose ends, make sure the ends are on the outer side of the bracelet, so the knot/ burned ends don't rub up against your wrist.



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