

# Braided Friendship Bracelet

You can make this bracelet short, so it wraps around your wrist once, or long, so it wraps around your wrist three times. These instructions show how to make a long one.

## What you'll need

- Embroidery floss, pearl cotton or yarn
- Tape or large safety pin
- Scissors
- Ruler or tape measure

## How to make it

1. Measure and cut 3, 6 or 9 strands from your string, each about 30 inches long. (The number of strands you use should be evenly divisible by 3. We used 9 strands when making the variegated pearl cotton and the embroidery floss bracelets, but if you use yarn, you might want to use fewer strands.)
2. Gather all the cut strands together with ends lined up, and knot them together about 2 inches from 1 end. Tape the ends to a table or pin them to a pillow (or your pants' leg) with a safety pin to secure.
3. Separate the strands below the knot into 3 equal groups and braid together until you near the end. Make a loose knot at the end, and then wrap the bracelet around your wrist to check the length. The knots should be very near each other after wrapping it around your wrist 3 times. If the braid is too long, untie the loose knot and unbraid the strands a little and try again.
4. When the bracelet's the right length, make 2 tight knots at the end, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch apart from each other. Trim string ends.
5. To wear, wrap the bracelet around your wrist 3 times. Slip the single knot through the unbraided space between the double knots at the other end of the bracelet.

