

KUMIHIMO AND PRECIOSA Pip™

BRAIDED BRACELET



Step 11:

Remove the weight and the bobbins and pinching the newly braided section worked in step 10, carefully remove the braid from the disk and tie an overhand knot next to the braided section to prevent it from unravelling. Gently pull both ends of the braid away from each other to stretch out any tension. See Figure 9.



Step 12:

Using approximately 40 cm (16 inches) of beading thread (Fireline) bind one end of the braid by wrapping the thread tightly around the non-beaded section of the braid several times (approximately 1/2 cm away from the beaded section of the braid) tying several knots as you work. Trim the thread and cut off the knot at the end of the braid close to the binding and seal the end with a small amount of glue. See Figure 10.



Step 13:

Repeat step 12 at the other end of your braid.

Step 14:

Following the instructions on the glue carefully, apply a small amount of glue to one end of your braid and insert it into one half of the clasp. Wipe away any excess glue and leave it to set. Glue the other half of the clasp to the other end of your bracelet. See Figure 11 and Figure 12.



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PRECIOSA ORNELA introduces beads from the PRECIOSA Traditional Czech Beads brand.

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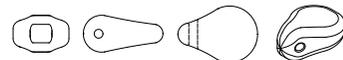
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PRECIOSA Pip™ Pressed Beads

ART No.: 111 01 346
Size: 5 x 7 mm



Preciosa Ornela presents a new bead in the shape of a small pip from the PRECIOSA Traditional Czech Bead brand. The author of the tutorial, the English designer Kerrie Slade, has made use of this popular technique of braiding lines and cords to create an original and impressive presentation of the new PRECIOSA Pip™ Pressed Bead.

The combination of the new Preciosa Ornela bead in the shape of a small pip with the braiding technique known as Kumihimo will enable you to create an enticing bracelet. This tutorial is for a bracelet at a length of 21 cm including the clasp; however, you can adjust the stringing size to what you need.

Materials and Tools:

PRECIOSA Pip™
111 01 346; 5 x 7 mm; 23980/22203 240 ks

S-Lon #18 bead cord, nylon beading thread such as 6lb Fireline, round Kumihimo disk, 8 Kumihimo bobbins, a Kumihimo weight or a small bag of coins, glue in clasp with an inside diameter of 3 – 4 mm, glue, scissors

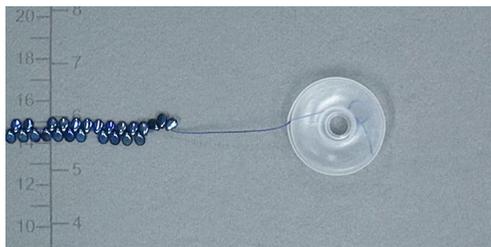


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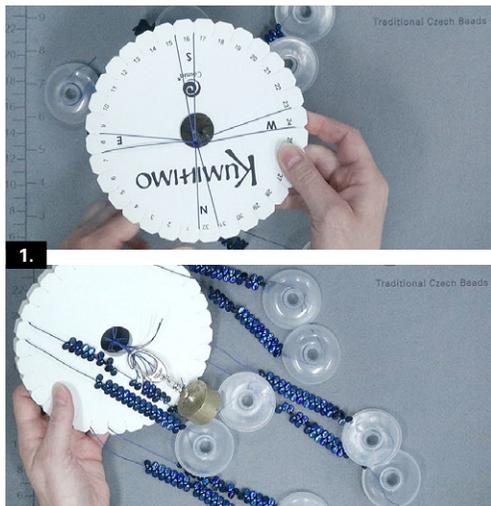
Procedure:

Step 1:
Cut 8 x 65 cm (26 inches) lengths of S-Lon cord and tie an overhand knot at one end of each cord.

Step 2:
Thread each cord with 30 Pip beads.

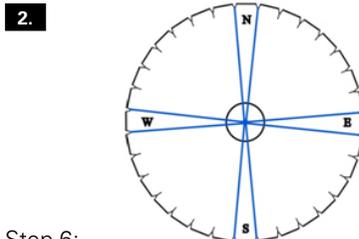


Step 3:
Gather the 8 cords together and tie them with an overhand knot leaving 5 cm of cord above the knot. Tie the other end of each cord to the centre of a bobbin and wrap the spare thread around the bobbin, leaving approximately 30 cm (12 inches) of cord to work with between the bobbin and the top knot. Leave all of the beads outside of the bobbin suspended on the working section of the thread. See Figure 1.

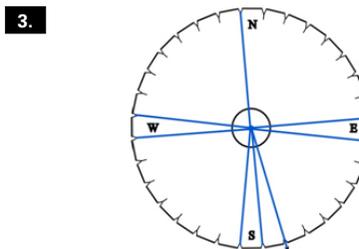


Step 4:
Feed the top knot through the central hole of the Kumihimo disk from front to back and tie a weight to it.

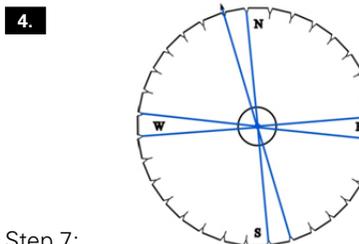
Step 5:
Position the cords in the notches around the disk as shown in Figure 2.



Step 6:
Without adding any beads, pick up the top right-hand cord and bring it down to the free notch directly to the right of the two cords at the bottom. See Figure 3.



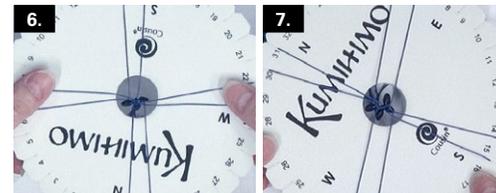
Pick up the bottom left-hand cord and take it up to the free notch to the left of the single cord at the top of the disk. See Figure 4. Turn the disk a quarter of a turn to the right.



Step 7:
Create a small section of non-beaded braid by repeating step 6 a further 19 times (making a total of 40 moves worked in steps 6 and 7) remembering the sequence of top right to bottom right, bottom left to top left and a quarter turn. Figure 5 shows the underside of the work at the end of step 7.



Step 8:
Repeat step 6 but slide a Pip bead down each cord as you work and tuck it under the horizontal cord that crosses it (make sure that the bead stays in place and does not jump out from under the thread). See Figures 6 and 7 which show adding the first 2 Pip beads.



Step 9:
Repeat step 6 until all the Pip beads have been used sliding 1 Pip bead down each cord and tucking it under the horizontal thread that crosses it and remembering to turn the disk a quarter of a turn after every 2 moves. Unwind thread from the bobbin as needed. Figure 8 shows how your work should look from the top of the disk as you complete each 2 move sequence.



Step 10:
When all the Pip beads have been used, repeat step 6 a further 20 times (a total of 40 moves) without adding any beads to give you a small section of non-beaded braid at the end of your bracelet.