

Friendship bracelet

Make a candy-cane patterned wrist or ankle bracelet.

AGE	TIME
8+ yrs	60–120 min

fabric

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What do you need?

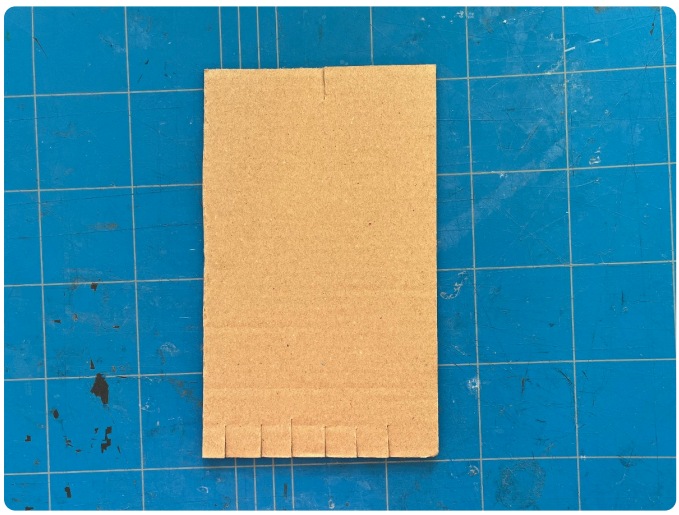
MATERIALS

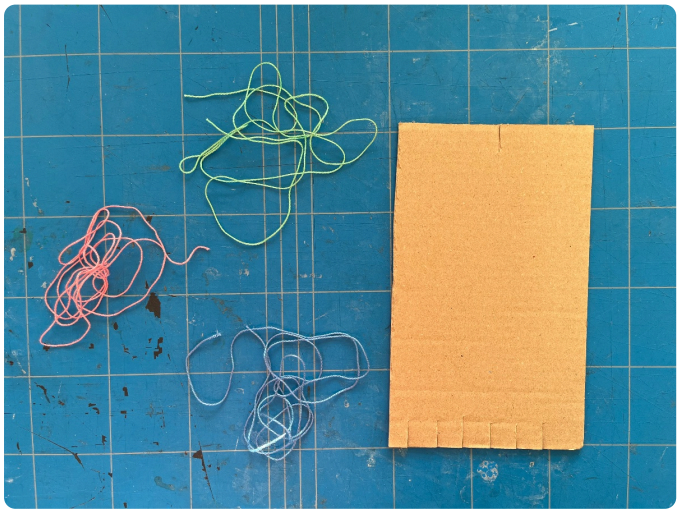
- [ ] Embroidery thread in 3 colours, 140 cm long
- [ ] Cardboard (10 cm x 20 cm)

TOOLS

- [ ] Scissors

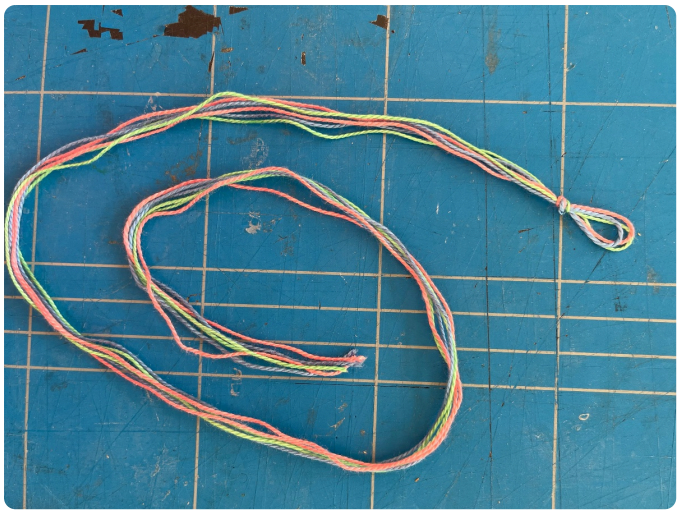
Steps

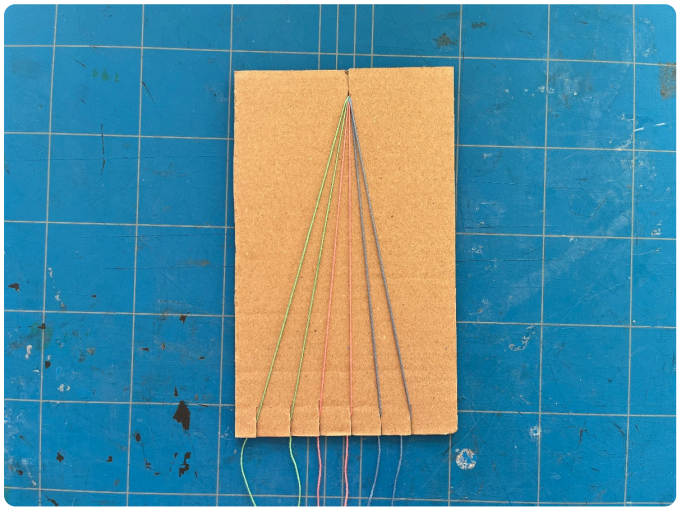




1 Prepare the cardboard

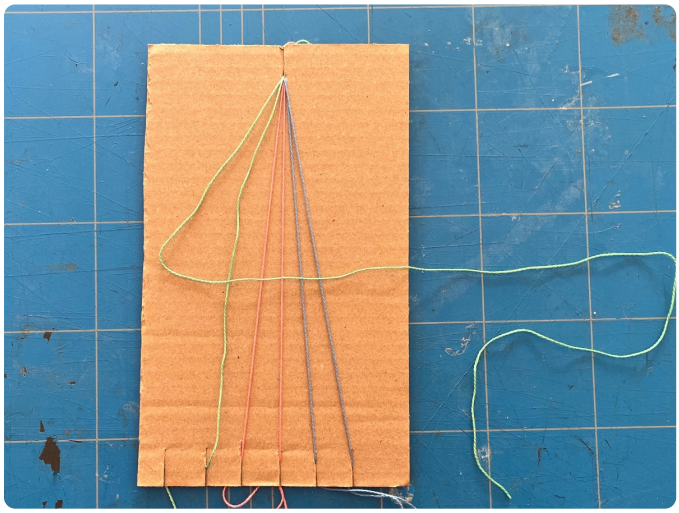
- Make one small cut on one of the short sides. On the other side, make six small cuts





2 Setup

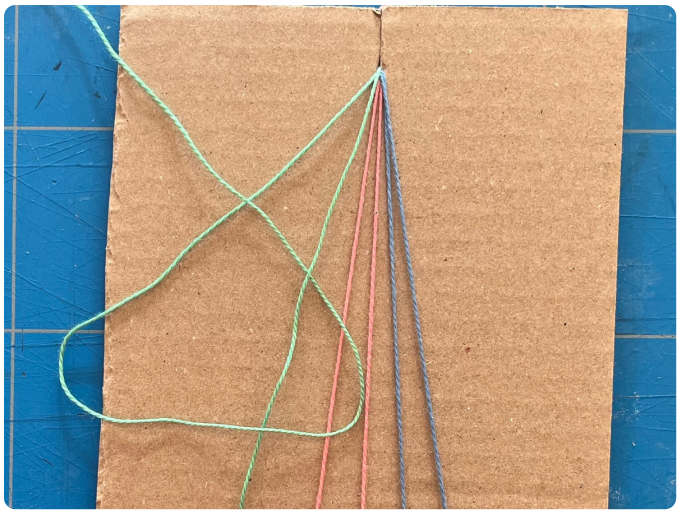
- Take all 3 pieces of string together and tie a small loop in the middle.
- Fix the knotted end to the single slit in the cardboard.
- Fix the threads into the slits on the other side. Keep the same colours next to each other. (e.g. green, green, yellow, yellow, blue, blue)

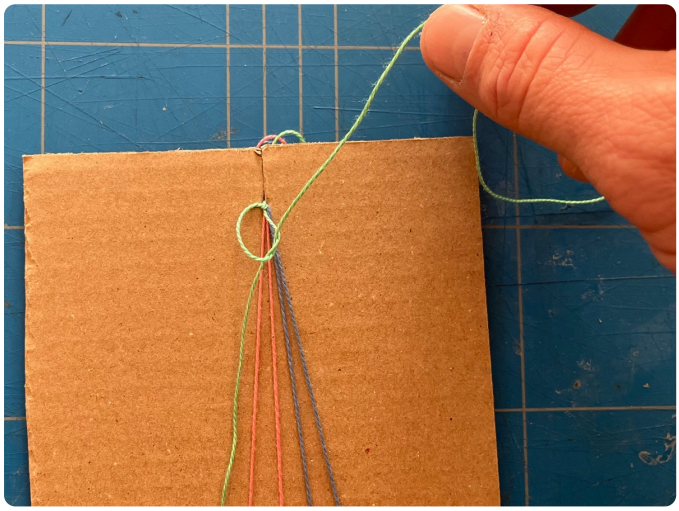


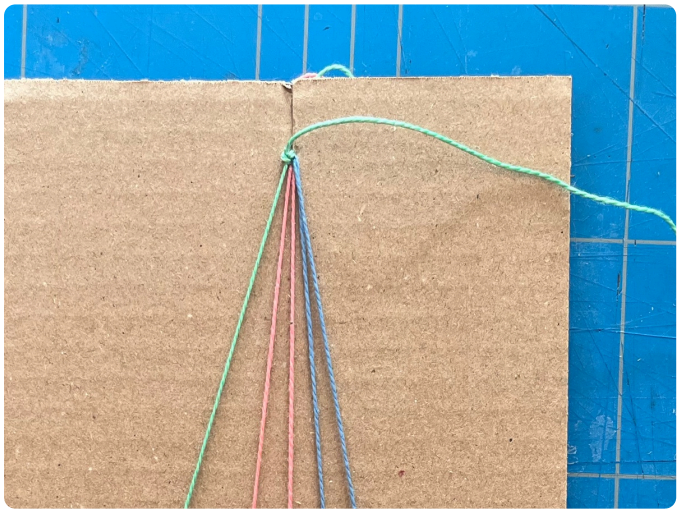
3 First knots

GOOD TO KNOW
When knotting around a string, make sure the string you're tying the knot around is kept tight.

- Take the thread on the far left of the piece of card. This is the thread we'll be using to tie the knot.
- Place the thread over the second thread making the shape of a number 4.
- Thread the string under the second string and bring it up through the opening in number 4.
- Gently pull the knot upwards.
- Repeat this knot once more. So use the same string to make the same knot.
- Move the piece of string you've tied a knot around one position to the left on your cardboard.







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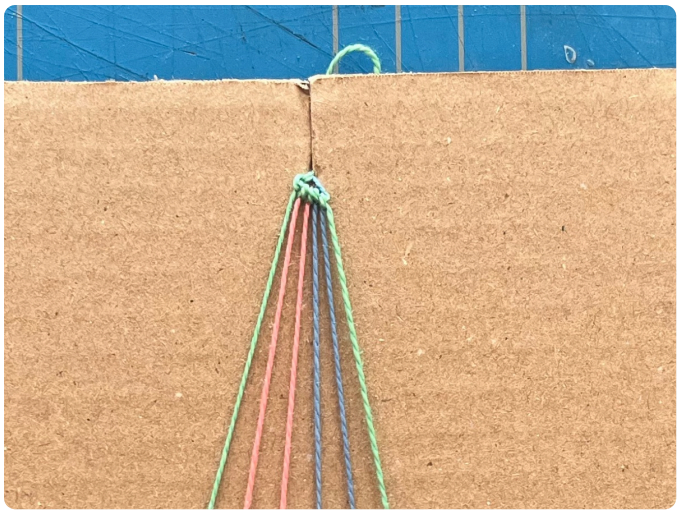
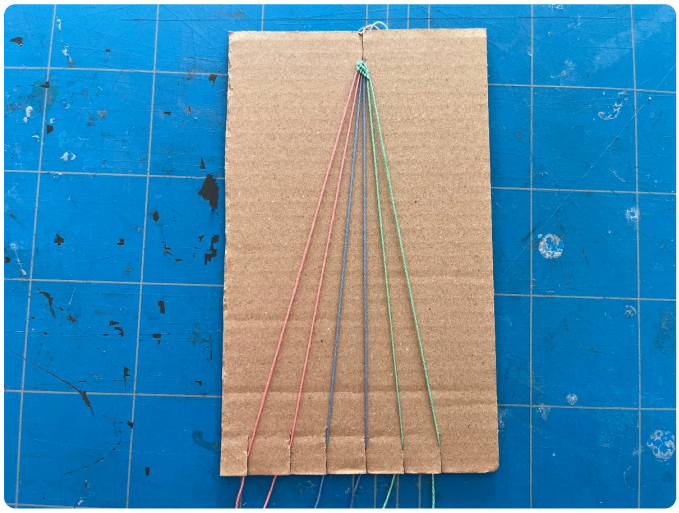
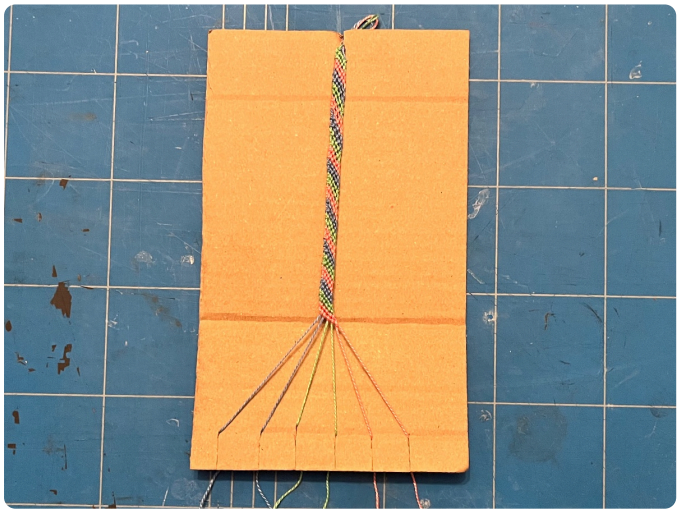


4 Finish the first row

- Now tie the two knots from the previous step around the next piece of string.
- Work your way through all the strings like this.
- Once you've tied two knots around each piece of string, secure the string you've been using to the far right of the piece of card.





5 Repeat, repeat, repeat...

- Repeat steps 3 and 4 until your bracelet is the right length for your wrist or ankle.



6 Finishing the plait

- Use the left over pieces of string to make 2 braids of about 5 cm.
- Tie a knot at the end so that the braid doesn't come undone.



7 Done!

- Your friendship bracelet is finished. Give it to a friend, or simply wear it yourself.