

Woven Yarn Bracelets

1. Start by laying out your materials (the first 4 items are included in your kit from the Bailey Library):

- ★ 3 Straws
- ★ 3 Pieces of yarn, each cut three times as long as your straws
- ★ A ball of yarn, or 1 very long piece
- ★ 1 pipe cleaner
- ★ Masking Tape
- ★ Scissors



2. Begin by taping the straws together at one end, so they lay flat.



3. Next, thread each of the three short pieces of yarn through the straws (1 each). To make this easier, hook one end of the yarn with the pipe cleaner and draw the pipe cleaner through the straw. *If you don't have a pipe cleaner, try pushing the yarn through with a knitting needle or a thin wooden skewer.*



4. At the taped end of the straws, pull enough yarn through that you can make a knot and still leave a 2"-3" tail.



5. Tape the straws to your table using masking tape.



6. Next, using the end from a ball of yarn or the very long piece of yarn in your kit, make a double knot on the left straw.

7. Start weaving! Take your yarn under the middle straw, then over and around the last straw. Repeat back and forth. Every 3-4 passes, push your yarn up to the top so that your stitches stay uniform and don't get too loose. Do this until the bracelet is as long as you'd like it.



8. When your bracelet is as long as you want it, tie a SINGLE knot around the last straw you were weaving on. (This is just to hold the yarn in place, not to make a permanent knot.)

9. Remove the tape holding the straws to the table. Then remove the tape holding the straws to each other.

10. Next, begin to gently slide your weaving off the straws. You will be pushing up, in the direction of the first big knot you made.



11. When your weaving is off of the straws, go back to that last single knot you made. Now you want to tie a permanent double knot around that piece of yarn to keep it in place.

12. You now have 4 pieces of yarn on that end. You can tie them together into one knot, as close to your weaving as you can get it.



13. If your weaving got a little messy, lay it flat on the table and reshape as needed.

14. Tie the ends together, and you are done!



Notes:

- By using variegated yarn, your bracelet will work up with a striped pattern. You can also make stripes by alternating shorter strips of yarn – just knot the ends together, leaving 1” tails, and tuck them inside the weaving when you are done.
- Measure your wrist before weaving if you want the bracelet to be an exact length. Just make sure you’ll be able to slip it over your hand! You likely won’t need to weave to the end of the straws.
- Try making an anklet instead of a bracelet!
- You can try the exact same method making wider bracelets by adding more straws. You can keep on weaving to make your creation as long (or as short) as you like!