

Raku Dreams by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 8 inches

Beads and other products needed for one bracelet:

79 beads - 2x5mm Raku SuperDuo 2 Hole Seed Bead Mix (SB8222)

1 - Pewter Flower of Life Button by TierraCast - Antique Silver - 15mm (SP2548)

3 feet - Round Leather Cord - Natural Antique Brown - 1.5mm (SM5091)

8 feet - FireLine Braided Bead Thread - Smoke Gray - 6 lb - 50 yard spool (SM1001)

Tools needed to complete the bracelet:

Size 12 English Beading Needles (TL1647)

Hypo Tube Cement (TL1202)

Xuron Thread and Fiber Scissors (TL3000)

Clipboard

Beading Techniques needed to complete the bracelet:

Wrapped Cord Bracelet

Instructions to complete “Raku Dreams” bracelet:

Step 1

Thread a needle with 8 feet of beading thread. Slide it to the center to double the thread. Tie an overhand knot at the end of the thread.

Step 2

String the button onto the cord and slide it to the middle of the cord. Tie an overhand knot just below the button. Clip the button to a clip board (see Wrapped Cord Bracelet Technique). You can also attach it to the bead board using a u-pin.

Step 3

String the first hole of a SuperDuo bead. Bring the thread under both pieces of cord. Push the bead up between the two pieces of cord. Pass back over the right cord, through the bead and over the left cord. Pull the thread taught.

Step 4

Bring the thread under the left cord, string the first hole of a SuperDuo bead. Pass through the second hole of the SuperDuo bead from Step 3. String the first hole of a SuperDuo bead. Push the beads up between the two pieces of cord. Pass back over the right cord, through the first hole of the SuperDuo bead, the second hole of the SuperDuo bead from Step 3, and the first hole of the SuperDuo bead, and over the left cord. Pull the thread taught.

Step 5

Bring the thread under the left cord. Pass through the second hole of the first SuperDuo bead from Step 4, string the first hole of a new SuperDuo bead, pass through the second hole of the last SuperDuo bead from Step 4 and under the right cord. Pass back over the right cord, back through the second hole of the SuperDuo bead, the first hole of the new SuperDuo bead, and back through the second hole of the first SuperDuo bead from the row. Go over the left cord and pull the thread taught.

Step 6

Repeat Steps 4-5 until you reach your desired length.

Step 7

To finish off the thread, pass the needle under the left cord. Knot around the thread exiting the left side of the last bead. Repeat to create a double knot. Dab a bit of Hypo-Tube cement and cut the excess thread near the knot.

Step 8

Tie an overhand knot with both pieces of cord directly below the last bead. Pull the knot tight. To create the right size button hole, pinch the two strands of cord together and slip the button in between the cords and mark the distance. Tie an overhand knot where you were marking. Cut excess cord leaving 1/4 inch tail.

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