

6 - 8 Stand Striped Or Chevron Braid

Note: These braids can be done with any even number of cords and choice of colors. They can be made to any length for a bracelet or longer for a belt or use your imagination. The loop tied in the starting step can be used as buttonhole for a knot tied in the end to use as a button. The choices are yours, be creative. I do find it a lot easier to tie, if you use a cup hook or nail in something solid, to hang the cords on while tying the knots and tightening them up. Try to use even tension on the cords while tying all knots.

Striped Pattern

Picture One



Step 1. Measure and cut 3 pieces of cord, one each of 3 colors, to desired length for your project. Fold cords in half and tie a knot at the folded end, creating a loop. There will be six strands below the knot to weave into the braid. Arrange your cords with cords 1 and 2 the same color, 3 and 4 another color and 5 and 6 the remaining color. Number your cords 1 to 6.

Picture Two



Step 2. Bring strand 1 from the left over and around strand 2 and back to the left up through the loop formed by strand 1. Holding strand 2 tight, pull strand 1 to tighten the knot.

Picture Three



Step 3. Repeat step 2, using strand 1 to create a second knot around strand 2. The second knot will form a vertical ridge that creates the pattern for this braid

Picture Four



Step 4. Pull strand 2 out of the way. Using strand 1 again, make 2 knots around strand 3. Tighten each knot, by holding Strand being tied around, tight. Repeat this step on each of the remaining strands, 4 to 6.

Picture Five



Step 5. After completing the first row, the strand you started making knots across the row with now becomes strand 6.

Picture Six



Step 6. Continue to weave, always using the strand on the left to make knots in all of the cords across the row. After the 4th or 5th row, you will begin to see the striped pattern.

The Chevron Pattern

Picture Seven



Step 7. Measure and cut 4 pieces of cord, one each of 4 colors, to desired length for your project. Fold cords in half and tie a knot at the folded end, creating a loop. There will be eight strands below the knot to weave into the braid. Arrange your cords with cords 1 and 8 the same color, 2 and 7 another color and 3 and 6 and 4 and 5 the remaining color. Number your cords 1 to 8.

Picture Eight



Step 8. Start as shown in Steps 2 and 3. Use strand 1 to make 2 knots around strands 2, 3 and 4, leaving strand 1 to the right side of strand 4. Use strand 8 now and make 2 knots around strands 7, 6 and 5. Remembering to go over from the right side and back up to the right side through the loop formed by strand 8 and to the left.

Picture Nine



Step 9. . Finish of by making 2 knots on strand 1.

Picture Ten



Step 10. Continue to weave, always using the strand on the left to make 2 knots in the strands 2, 3 and 4 cords and using cord 8 to make 2 knots on strand 7, 6 and 5, finishing with 2 knots on strand 1. Again, after a few rows you will see the chevron pattern in colors. Continue braid to desired length.

Pic 11



Picture of backside showing loops. Try to keep each set of two loops as close as possible for a neater appearance on the back