



Technique 1 – Knotting

The simple technique of knotting allows you to make necklaces and bracelets that 'float' your choice of beads on leather, cord or even ribbon. There are no findings or tools needed for the necklaces or bracelets featured.

Turquoise Choker Ensemble

Each pack of 'Selection' beads has an assortment of beads of varying shapes, sizes and colours which work well together. Choose beads from your mix to create a design that appeals to you. Refer to the photograph for suggestions

You will be working from the centre of the necklace out towards the back fastening. There will be a centre bead grouping with smaller bead groupings on either side, all held in place with overhand knots.

You will need...

- Any item from our assorted size jewellery beads. Click [HERE](#) to find them on our website.
- Waxed cotton cord (1459)
- Scissors



Step-by-step for choker

1-Thread on your chosen beads and place in the centre of a 1 metre length of cord – this forms the central bead grouping.

2-To keep the beads in place, tie a single, overhand knot next to the last bead on either end of the central bead grouping.

3-Leave a short length of leather (we left about 2cm) from the knots tied in Step 2 and tie another single, overhand knot. Repeat on the other side of the central bead grouping.

4-Next add a smaller grouping of beads and hold in place with a single, overhand knot

5-Continue to add groupings of beads on both sides until the choker is the preferred length.

6-Hold the choker up to your neck to determine where you would like the bead fastening to be placed (usually the centre of the back of the neck).

7-To make a bead fastening, thread a single bead onto one end of the cord at the point where you would like it to fasten. Fold the remaining cord over the bead (and back to the cord on the other side of the bead), leave a little slack and tie a single, overhand knot just under the bead, using both strands of cord.

8-To make the loop for the other side of the bead fastening, form a loop large enough to go over the bead in Step 9, from the cord at the opposite end of the choker. Hold the choker up by the bead end and this loop. Adjust to ensure the loop fastening is positioned equal distance from the last bead grouping. Using both strands of cord, tie an overhand knot at the base of the loop.



Step-by-step for bracelet

Follow the same technique instructions for a bracelet using about 30cm of cord.