

Not Just Knots Kumihimo Multi-strand Necklace

Materials needed:

Available at SonoranBeads.com:

- 1 spool- C-Lon #1607OLVN
- 1 str- teardrops #21081
- 1 str- sm starfish #1583
- 1 pkg- 6mm Swarovski bi-cone crystals #3212
- 1 str- sm scallop shells #1299
- 1 str- sm spiral moon shells #1314
- 8 -mini-rings #3416
- 28 gr-size 8 seed beads #380
- 10 gr- 4mm cube beads #1490
- 1- round Kumihimo disk #1604
- 8- no tangle bobbins #1605

Tools needed:

- Toothpick or knotting needle
- Scissors
- Yardstick or measuring tape



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Step-by-step instructions:

1. Cut eight pieces of C-Lon that are each 4 yards long.
2. Gather the cords together and tie an overhand knot 8"-10" from one end. Holding the kumihimo disk face up, drop the knot through the hole.
3. Align the eight cords so that there is one cord on either side of each black dot on the disk. Wind the working ends of the cords onto the bobbins.
4. Turn the disk so that the black dots are positioned at North, South, East and West. Beginning with the northern set of cords, bring the right-hand cord down so that it is positioned in the slot to the right of the southern right-hand cord. Then bring the southern left-hand cord up to the slot to the left of the northern left-hand cord. Turn the disk $\frac{1}{4}$ turn (at this point it doesn't matter in which direction you turn the disk, as long as you always turn it in the same direction from this point on).
5. Repeat step 4 until you have a braid that is about 9" long.
6. Hold the working end of the braid between your fingers, and with your other hand, remove the cords from the disk. Tie an overhand knot as close to the end of the braid as possible.
7. Lay out all your beads in separate piles on your beading mat so that you can see them all.

8. Remove one of the cords from a bobbin and tie a knot about ½"-1" from the overhand knot. String on a cluster of beads and tie a knot at the end of the cluster. Try to keep the knots as close to the beads as possible (a toothpick or knotting needle inserted in the loose knot and kept close to the bead while tightening the knot will help).
9. Tie another knot about ½" - 1" away from the last knot, slide on a cluster of beads and tie another knot at the end of the cluster.
10. Repeat step 8 until your beaded cord is about 18" - 20" long, ending with a knot at the end of a cluster.
11. Repeat steps 7 and 8 until all eight cords have been beaded.
12. Gather all eight cords and tie them in an overhand knot about ½"-1" away from the last beaded clusters. Drop the entire necklace through the hole in the kumihimo disk and align the cords, one on either side of the black dots.
13. Wind the working ends of the cords onto the bobbins and continue braiding until the braid is as long as the first side.
14. Repeat step 6.
15. Trim the tails of the C-Lon so they are the 8"-10" long. Knot clusters of beads on the tails in random patterns and lengths and trim excess.

Designer's Note:

Try to keep the clusters of beads random. The accent beads can be knotted separately with clusters of seed beads, crystals and cube beads in between. You can also save the accent beads for four of the strands and use just seed beads, crystals and cubes on the other four strands.