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Soutache Bracelet

Using the increasingly popular Soutache braiding cord, create a simple bracelet with added Swarovski sparkle!

You can easily adapt this bracelet with different colour braid and beads or a differently shaped beads.

Materials Used:
3 x colours of Soutache braid (we used approximately 35cm of purple, turquoise and royal blue braid).
17 x 6mm fuchsia SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS 5000 round faceted beads
Nymo thread
2 x antique silver fold over ends
2 x 6mm antique silver jump rings
1 x medium antique silver trigger clasp
Tools used:
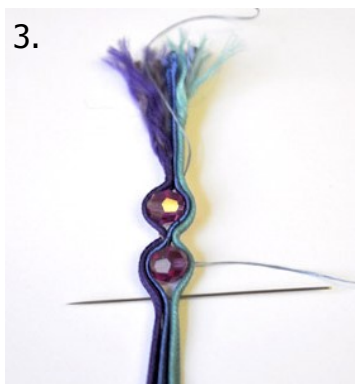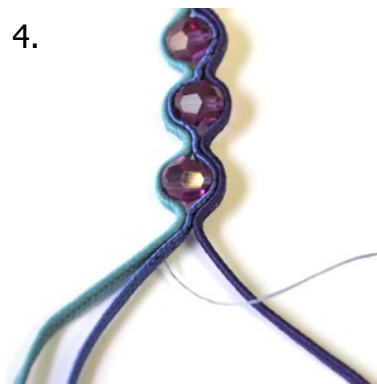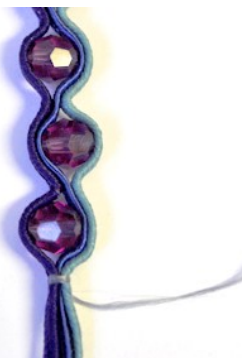Scissors, size 10 sewing needle and textile glue

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Set your Soutache cord up so that all three colours are next to each other with the small 'v's in the cord all facing the same direction. Cut a manageable length of Nymo thread (1). Tie a knot in your Nymo thread approx 10cm from the end and thread through the 3 lengths of braid. Stitch back and forth a few times to secure the braid together. Holding two of the cords together, weave the thread through the braids to come out in the centre, then thread on a bead (2). Holding the bead in position between the cords, stitch through the other side of the cord. Stitch back and forth a few times to secure. Next, pinch the braid together under the bead and stitch together to secure (you may find using a pin or another needle to hold the braid in place while stitching might help). Hold the centre braid with the opposite edge cord and stitch a bead into the centre, the same way as the previous bead (3). Carry on in the in the same way, adding beads. You will see that the centre braid creates a wave down the middle, continue this pattern by always swapping side it is stitched with when adding beads. **TIP:** When weaving the Nymo thread down to the right position to add a bead, always do it on the side where the two braids are, as it will help secure them together (4).

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Once you have added all the beads you need to make a bracelet long enough, use the Nymo to secure all braids together (5), trim off the excess (but not too short), add a small amount of fabric glue (or PVA type glue) to prevent the ends from fraying (6). Once dry trim the ends off closer then attach a fold over end (7). Repeat this for the other end of the bracelet. Use jump rings to attach the clasp (8) for more information on basic techniques download our 'How To' leaflet here.