

Straw Woven Bookmark, Bracelet or Headband



Supplies:

Drinking Straws, Yarn (Lily Sugar 'n Cream, 100% cotton, medium weight, recommended), Masking Tape, Ruler, Scissors, Fray Check or glue ends of yarn to keep them from fraying.

Beads for Bookmark and Bracelet; Elastic for headband

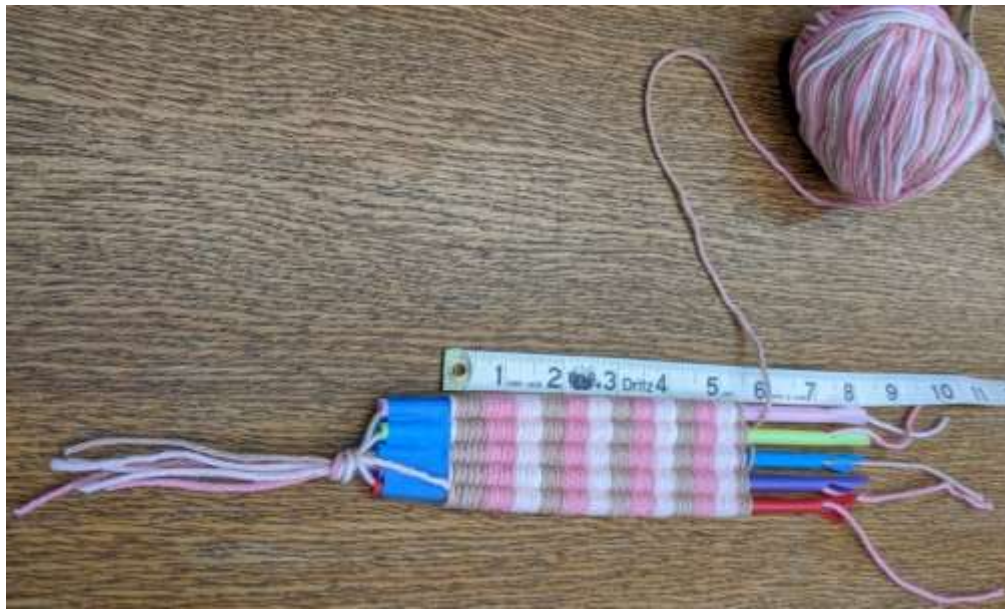
Bracelet Directions:

1. String a piece of yarn through each straw, leaving 5 or more inches sticking out each end.
2. Temporarily tape 3, 4, or 5 straws together (the number of straws determines the width of your product) leaving a very small gap between the straws.
3. Tie an overhand knot with the yarns sticking out the top of the straws, you may also include the yarn that you are weaving with.



4. Weave yarn over, under, over, under the straws, all the way across, and back again.
5. From time to time, stop and slide your weaving up towards the taped end so that the stitches are snug.
6. Continue weaving until you have reached the desired length.

7. For the bracelet, stop at about 1-2" smaller than the size of the wrist.



8. When you have reached your desired length, remove the tape at the top of the straws, gently push the woven yarn off the straws.



9. Straighten the yarn so that it is even. Tie all loose yarns together at the bottom. The bracelet can be tied together so that it can slip over the wrist or use pony beads to make it adjustable. To make a bookmark, add some pony beads to one side on the longer pieces of yarn.



Bracelet



Bookmark

10. To make the bracelet adjustable, thread a pony bead onto several of the longer pieces of yarn from each side of the bracelet. Tie several knots after the beads to prevent them from sliding off the yarn. Use a piece of soft wire to help thread the yarn through the beads. Add beads to the other pieces of yarn, or knot and cut off all ends. Glue with tacky glue or fray check to prevent the ends from fraying.



Headband

1. Follow the basic directions for the bracelet and bookmark, but, cut the yarn longer than you thread through the straws. Finishing will also be different.
2. Measure around the head to determine the length desired for the headband. Cut the yarn, adding about 12" to each of the yarn pieces that are threaded through the straws.



3. Your headband will be longer than the straws. When you near the end of your straws, remove the tape, and gently push the woven piece off the top of the straws. Continue weaving until you have reached the desired length.



4. Gently push the woven yarn off the straws, tie the ends in a tight overhand knot at each end. Attach a loop of soft elastic to the ends of the woven headband using the yarn tails. Tie a square knot using all four yarn tails to hold it securely. Cut the ends and use fray check or tacky glue to prevent fraying.

5. Add a clip-on bow, butterfly or flower if desired.

