



# How To

# Make the Easy Ball Chain Bracelet

## bead IN HAND

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### MATERIALS

- 4mm ball chain
- .8mm Chinese knotting cord: two pieces 2 ½ feet each, and one piece 10 to 12 inches
- Metal seed beads or other decoration for the end cords as desired



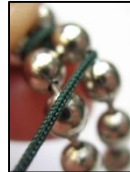
1. Cut two lengths of ball chain just long enough to fit around your wrist. The chain twists and shortens a bit with the wrapping, which is what you want in order to have room for the closure.



2. Knot one 2 ½ foot cord around both pieces of chain at one end, being sure to leave 6 to 8 inches for the tail. The chain will naturally become a little off-set, with one side slightly below the other.



3. Holding the chains where the cord is knotted, wind the cord **diagonally** between the balls. The chains will twist, but don't worry – they straighten out on the return wrap!



4. When you reach the end, tie the cord securely around the chains.



5. Take the other 2 ½ foot length of cord and tie it securely at the end where you just finished. Again, leave 6 to 8 inches for the tail.



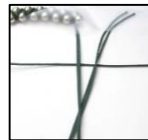
6. Begin wrapping the cord diagonally, **opposite** to the first side you did, until you reach the end where you started with the first cord. Tie the cord securely around the end of the ball chain.



7. Place your finished piece on your work surface and bring the ends toward each other so the remaining cords are parallel (more or less). Tape the ends down so everything is secure and won't move around.



8. Lay your remaining cord **UNDER** these two cords, and make 4 to 6 square knots for a sliding closure.



9. Trim the pull cords on the square knot closure close to the last knot and glue or, if using nylon cord, melt the ends to secure them.



10. Trim the pull cords if necessary so they're even; add small metal beads if desired. Knot the ends and glue or melt the ends at the knots.

