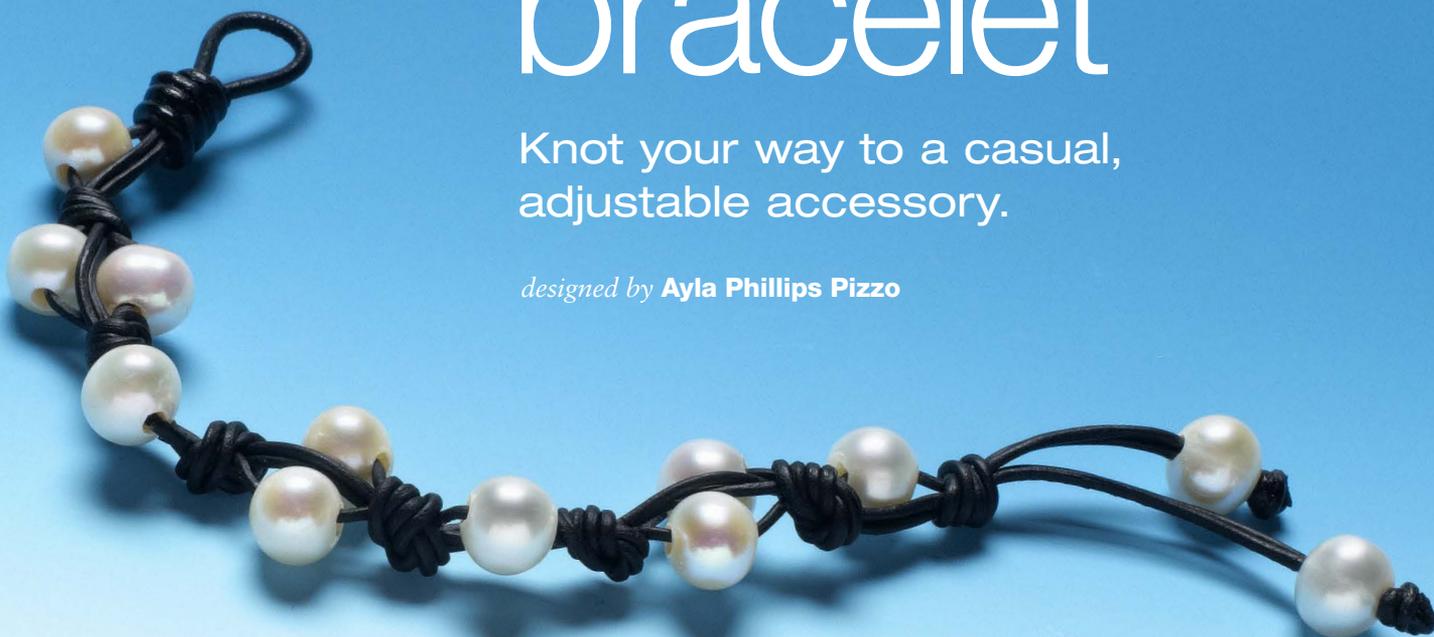


KNOTTING

Pearl vine bracelet

Knot your way to a casual, adjustable accessory.

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stepbystep

Toggle loop

[1] Cut four 18-in. (46 cm) pieces of 1 mm leather cord, and keep them nearby.

[2] Cut a 10-in. (25 cm) piece of 1.5 mm leather cord, and make a bend 7 in. (18 cm) from one end. Pinch the doubled cord to form a loop (photo a).

[3] Loosely coil the longer end around the doubled cord three or four times, coiling toward the loop (photo b). Feed the long end back through the coil.

Insert the ends of the four 1 mm cords into the coil so that they are parallel with the long end of the 1.5 mm cord. Tighten the coil by pulling on the loop and the long end (photo c).

[4] Test the size of the loop with an 8 mm pearl, which will serve as a toggle pearl. The pearl and a small knot must be able to pass snugly through the

loop. To make the loop bigger, pull on the loop. To make the loop smaller, pull on the long end of the 1.5 mm cord.

[5] Trim both ends of the 1.5 mm cord and the short ends of the 1 mm cords close to the coil. You should now have four cords exiting the coil (photo d).

Apply glue to the coil, and let dry for two to three minutes.

Center pearls

[1] On your work surface, arrange the four cords so they are parallel. On an outer cord, string a pearl, and slide it close to the coil. Bring the four cords together after the pearl, and tie an overhand knot (Basics) with all of the cords, keeping them parallel and in order (photo e). Aim to tie the knot no more than $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (1.9 cm) from the coil.

[2] On each outer cord, string a pearl, and slide them close to the previous knot. Bring the four cords together after

the pearls, and tie another overhand knot about $\frac{3}{4}$ in. (1.9 cm) from the previous knot (photo f).

[3] Repeat steps 1 and 2 until you have seven pearl sections. For the repeats of step 1, string the pearl on alternating outer cords.

Toggle pearls

[1] On two cords, string a pearl, and tie an overhand knot after the pearl at the desired “first length” for your adjustable bracelet (photo g). On the remaining two cords, string a pearl, and tie an overhand knot at the desired second length. Trim the ends close to both knots. Apply glue to the knots, and let dry.

[2] Slide the toggle pearls away from the end knots, apply glue to the cords where the pearls were previously, and slide the pearls back over the glue. Let dry.



Difficulty rating



Materials

bracelet 6½–8 in. (16.5–20 cm)

- 12 8 mm large-hole pearls (cream)
- 10 in. (25 cm) 1.5 mm leather cord (black)
- 2 yd. (1.8 m) 1 mm leather cord (black)
- Super New Glue
- wire cutters

Kits for this bracelet are available by calling (847) 328-4040 or visiting www.aylasoriginals.com.

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CLASP OPTIONS:

This double-toggle closure allows you to wear your bracelet at two different lengths! Slide both toggle pearls into the loop for the **shorter** version, or single out the longest pearl for **more length**.

