

# The Ultimate Guide to Necklaces Braided On The Kumihimo Disk: Exploring Creativity and Tradition

Are you tired of wearing the same old necklaces every day? Looking for a unique and mesmerizing piece of jewelry that will make heads turn? Look no further! Necklaces braided on the Kumihimo disk are the answer to your jewelry prayers. In this comprehensive guide, we will delve into the art of Kumihimo braiding, explore different techniques, and discover the beauty of necklaces braided on the Kumihimo disk.

## What is Kumihimo?

Kumihimo is a traditional Japanese braiding technique that has been used for centuries to create stunning cords and ropes. It originated in the ancient samurai era but has now evolved into a popular form of art and craft. The word "Kumihimo" itself means "gathered threads" in Japanese. It involves interlacing threads or cords to create intricate patterns.

Traditionally, Kumihimo was done using a wooden loom called a Marudai. However, with the invention of the Kumihimo disk, the process became much simpler and more accessible to everyone. The Kumihimo disk is a small, handheld tool with slots around the edge that help hold the threads in place as you braid.

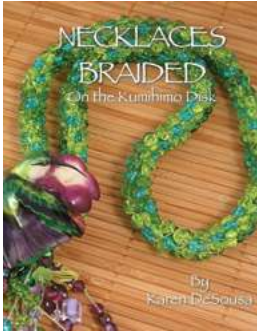
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## Getting Started with Kumihimo Braiding

Now that you have a basic understanding of what Kumihimo is, let's dive into the process of braiding necklaces on the Kumihimo disk. Here's a step-by-step guide to get you started:

### Step 1: Gather Your Materials

The first step is to gather all the materials you'll need for your Kumihimo necklace. You'll need a Kumihimo disk, threads or cords of your choice, scissors, glue, end caps, and a clasp. You can find these materials at your local craft store or order them online.

### Step 2: Prepare Your Threads

Once you have your materials ready, it's time to prepare your threads. Decide on the color scheme and pattern you want for your necklace. Cut your threads into equal lengths, depending on the length you want your necklace to be. You can experiment with different textures and thicknesses of threads to achieve unique designs.

### Step 3: Set Up the Kumihimo Disk

Place the Kumihimo disk on a flat surface with the slots facing up. Take one thread of each color and thread them through the slots. Make sure each color goes into an adjacent slot, creating an X pattern. Repeat this process until all the slots are filled.

#### **Step 4: Start Braiding**

Now comes the fun part – braiding! Hold the disk with one hand and start moving the threads through the slots to create a braided pattern. Follow the traditional Kumihimo braiding sequence, which involves moving the threads in a specific order. You can find detailed instructions on the traditional braiding sequence online or in Kumihimo braiding books.

#### **Step 5: Finish the Necklace**

Continue braiding until you reach your desired necklace length. Once you're done, secure the ends of the braid by gluing end caps on each side. Attach a clasp to one end and a jump ring to the other, and voila! Your unique Kumihimo braided necklace is ready to be adorned.

#### **Why Choose Necklaces Braided On The Kumihimo Disk?**

Necklaces braided on the Kumihimo disk offer several advantages over traditional necklaces. Firstly, the art of Kumihimo braiding allows for endless creativity. The patterns and color combinations you can achieve are limited only by your imagination. Secondly, the resulting necklaces are incredibly durable and strong due to the interlacing of multiple threads. You can be confident that your necklace will last for years to come.

Moreover, wearing a Kumihimo braided necklace is a statement in itself. It showcases your appreciation for ancient Japanese art and tradition and sets you

apart from the crowd. The intricate designs and attention to detail will undoubtedly catch the eye of anyone who sees it.

Finally, braiding necklaces on the Kumihimo disk is a therapeutic and relaxing activity. It allows you to escape from the hustle and bustle of daily life and immerse yourself in the rhythmic motion of braiding. The process itself is both satisfying and meditative, making it a perfect hobby for those seeking a creative outlet.

## **Exploring Different Kumihimo Techniques**

Now that you have the basics down, it's time to explore different Kumihimo techniques and take your necklaces to the next level. Here are a few popular techniques you can try:

### **Kongoh Gumi**

Kongoh Gumi is the most basic and widely used Kumihimo technique. It involves using only two colors of threads and following a simple braiding sequence. The resulting pattern is a delightful twist design that is perfect for beginners.

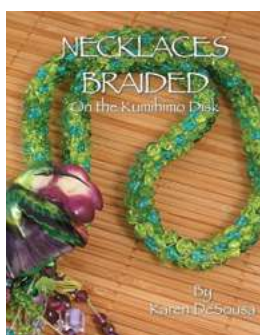
### **Hollow Braid**

The Hollow Braid technique utilizes thicker threads to create a hollow center in the braid. This technique adds dimension and depth to your necklaces, making them stand out even more.

### **Cord Kumihimo**

If you prefer a thicker, chunkier necklace, the Cord Kumihimo technique is perfect for you. It involves using thicker cords instead of threads, resulting in a robust and bold necklace that makes a statement.

Necklaces braided on the Kumihimo disk are a beautiful and unique addition to any jewelry collection. The art of Kumihimo braiding allows you to express your creativity, embrace tradition, and create stunning pieces that will turn heads wherever you go. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced braider, experimenting with different techniques and patterns will keep you engaged and excited about the possibilities. So go ahead, grab a Kumihimo disk, some colorful threads, and embark on a journey of creativity with necklaces braided on the Kumihimo disk.



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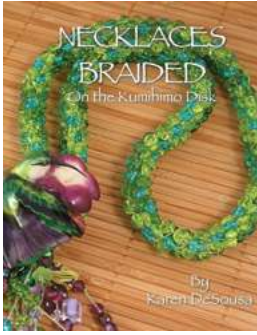
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Necklaces Braided on the Kumihimo Disk is a step-by-step instruction book that tells you how to make and finish a stunning array of necklaces. Whether you are a beginner or advanced braider this book has something for you. It includes move by move instructions for four braids. The section on braiding with beads shows you how to add beads of all sizes to your necklaces without ruining your disk. Fancy finishes shows you how to dress up the closures. From project inception to the final touch, this book will inspire you to create your own stunning necklaces. Written in English.



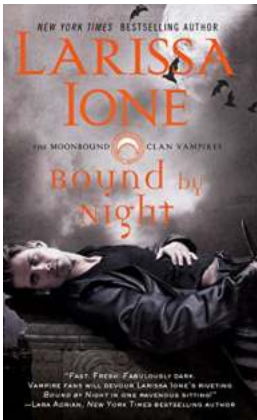
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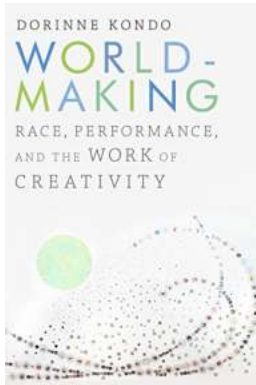
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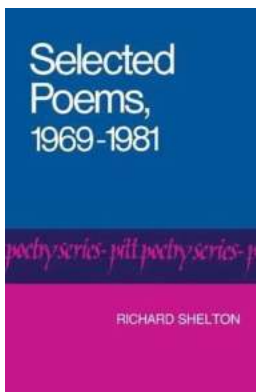
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