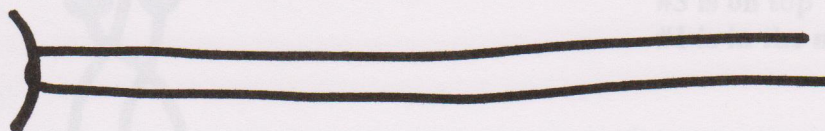


BRAIDED WRAP BRACELET

Materials: 3 yards 1mm cotton cord or size cord to fit the bead hole
2 vials size 6 seed beads – Japanese seed beads are easier to thread
3x3 mm crimps
Button with hole to fit 1mm cord
Cut cord into a 1 yard piece and a 2 yard piece
Thread button onto the 2 yard piece at the mid point.

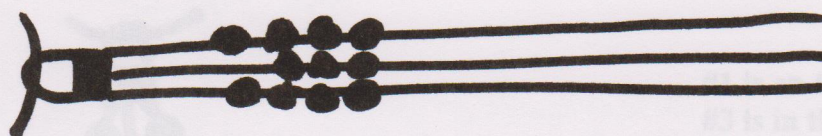


Thread both ends of the cord through a crimp and slide up to within 1 inch of the button. Now thread the 1 yard piece through the same crimp – leave a little tail sticking out. Center this cord between the other 2.

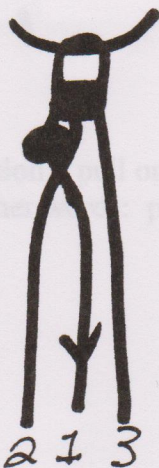
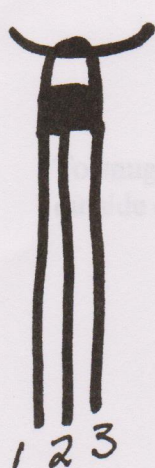


Slide the crimp to within a $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of the button. Firmly flatten the crimp. Make sure the center cord does not pull out. Trim the center cord flush with the crimp. Now you have 3 cords so you can braid.

For a 3 wrap bracelet - thread 70 beads onto each of the 3 cords. 25 for a single.



TO BRAID – this is braiding with a bead hanging on each outside loop. While learning this technique it might be easier to hold the button with the clip of a clip board. Slide a bead up to the crimp on the left outside cords (cord #1). Fold the left cord over the center cord (cord #2).



#2 is on the bottom
#1 is on the top
#3 is on the side

Now slide a bead up to the crimp on the right outside cord. Fold the right cord over the center cord. Keep it all little loose at this stage.



#2 is on the bottom
#3 is on top
#1 is in the middle

To add the third bead – Notice the left outside cord is on the bottom - the middle cord is in the middle and the right cord is on top. Slide a bead all the way up on the left and fold the cord over the middle cord.



#1 is on the bottom
#3 is in the middle
#2 is on top

To snug up the tension – pull on the opposite outside cord. So in this case pull the right outside cord. In other words: pull the cord of the next bead you will add.

The visual cue - look for the cord on the bottom and add on that side. If you put your work down and can't figure out where to start. Flip the work until the cord where you add the next bead is on the bottom.

TO FINISH

Put a crimp onto the two outside cords and then add the center cord between the other two. Slide the crimp close to the beads and then firmly flatten the crimp. Cut off the middle cord flush with the crimp.



Position a second crimp with an opening big enough to fit the button. Don't make the opening so snug that it's hard to put the button through with one hand - $\frac{1}{4}$ " extra work well for me. You can cut the 2 tails close or add a few beads to each tail and knot the ends so the beads don't fall off. Cut close and you're done.

