

Woven Washer Leather Jewelry

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Materials:

Leather Cord USA (www.leathercordusa.com to fit the width of your washers (flat leather ribbon or round will work well because they are strong) (Length should be about two times the finished length that you want)

Any size washer for your look (use an odd number, the count will be determined if you are making a necklace or bracelet)

Glue and go findings or 24 gauge wire and large hole clasp

Super glue gel

How-To:

To get started you will need to select your materials. Once you have gathered everything you are ready to start weaving. For this project we will only have the woven washer portion in the middle of the necklace. Decide how long you want your bare sections of leather on each side to be before starting.

Take your leather ribbon or round leather and thread it through the first washer. Be sure to leave room at the end of your necklace, this is the measurement you decided on to be the bare leather section.

Using your second washer you will thread your leather up through its center and back down the center of your first washer. This is the basic step that you will repeat for all of your washers.

Once you have gone back down through your first washer you will come up through the second washer again. Next you will pick up your third washer and go down the center of it and your second washer.

Repeat these steps until you have used all of the washers that you want. Be sure to try on your necklace as you go to check how long you want the finished piece to be.

At the end of your necklace you will need to put a clasp so that you can wear it. There are two options that you can use for completion. The first is to use a glue and go finding that is the size match for the leather that you selected. Using gel super glue put a small amount into the finding and then press your leather into it. Allow the glue to dry for a few seconds and repeat on the other end.

If you prefer a different look you can use wire and wrap the leather together to hold your clasp. To do this you will string your clasp onto the end of the wire. Folding the leather over will hold the clasp in place. To keep the leather secured you will wrap the two leather pieces together with your wire. Tuck in the ends of your wire back into the middle of the two leather straps so that it does not scratch when wearing.