

## **Embroidered Leather Cuffs**

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### **Materials:**

Leather Cord USA ([www.leathercordusa.com](http://www.leathercordusa.com)) leather cuff blank any width and color

Tiny hole punch (1/16")

Permanent marker/stencil and paint to mark your pattern

Embroidery floss in desired colors

Tapestry needle

### **How-To:**

To start you will need to make a pattern on your cuff using a permanent marker or stencil. If you are using a stencil you will also need paint and a brush. The pattern can be anything that you like.

Once the paint is dry you will need to punch holes in your cuff. The holes that you punch will be where your threads will sit as you work. Try not to make the space between the holes too far apart or there will be loose thread that can catch as you wear your bracelet.

After you have all of your holes in place you are ready to start sewing your pattern. Thread your tapestry needle with about 18" of embroidery floss. I prefer to work with 18" pieces so that it isn't too long that the thread gets tangled or that the plies come apart as you are working.

You will want to anchor your first thread by making a knot at the end of the floss. You can choose any knot that you like but a surgeon's knot is very secure. To make sure that the knot does not come apart as you are wearing it, I also suggest using some tacky glue to hold it in place. Using tacky glue will give you extra security and it dries clear so that you won't see it after it is dry.

Start your first stitch coming up from the bottom going down through the next spot. When you are finished with that color, tie your stitch off with a few stitches in the same spot. Run the needle under the stitch on the back side and knot it. By running the thread back through you are making it a little more secure and helping to hid the thread.

Once you are finished with your first color you will repeat the same steps for all of the other colors for your pattern. Be sure to glue the ends of each knot so that you don't loose any of your work.

### **Sources:**

Cuffs and leather from leather cord USA

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