



Friends Are Fun

In Girl Scouting you make new friends and learn to strengthen the friendships you already have.

1. Make New Friends...

Look for new friends at school or at after-school activities. Is there someone who is sitting by herself? Does she look lonely? Go up, smile, and introduce yourself. Then invite her to join you!

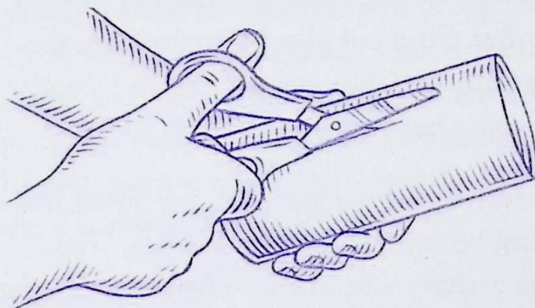
2. Friendship Bracelet

Celebrate with a friendship bracelet. Give it as a gift, or make matching ones for your friends and yourself!

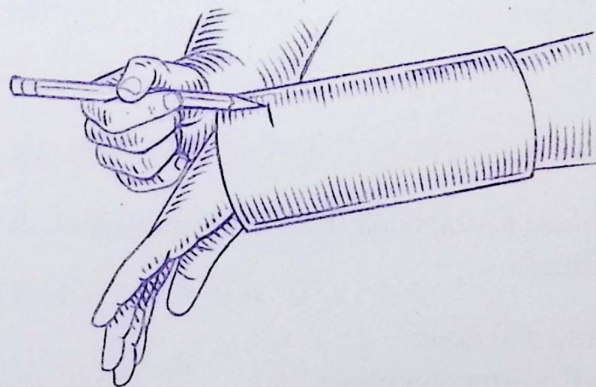
You will need:

- A cardboard tube.
- Scissors.
- Thin yarn in 3 or 4 different colors.
- Tape.
- Pencil.

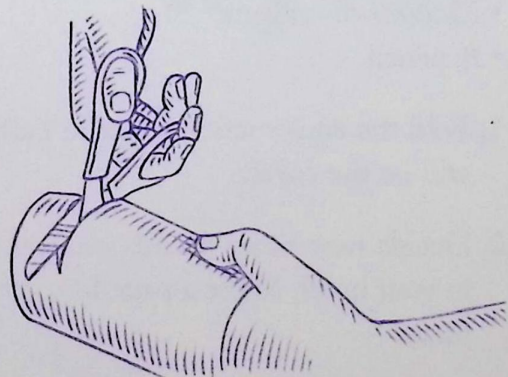
1. Take the cardboard tube and carefully cut it open lengthwise.



2. Place the tube on your wrist and mark off how wide you want the bracelet to be.

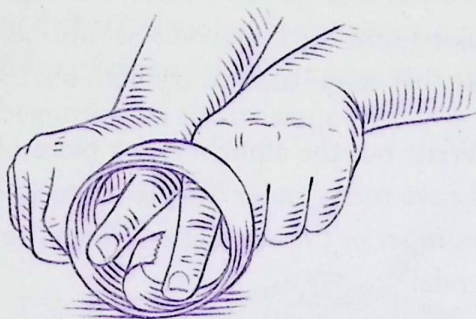


3. Remove the tube from your arm and cut the tube to that width.



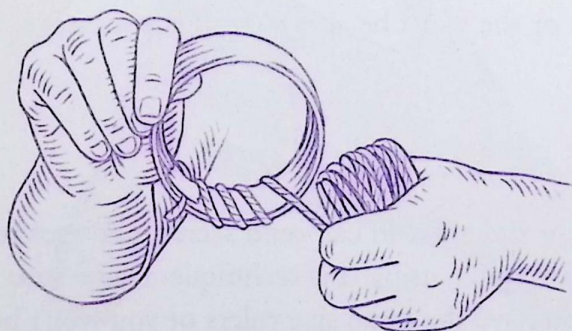
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4. Cover the inside of the tube with tape.
This will help keep the bracelet's shape.

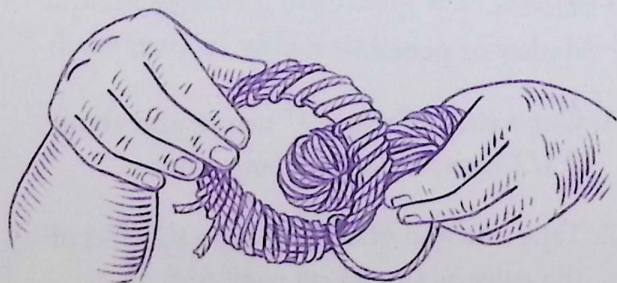


5. Tape a piece of yarn to the back of the cardboard. Wind one color of yarn over and over the cardboard. Be sure that you cover up the tape on the back of the tube.

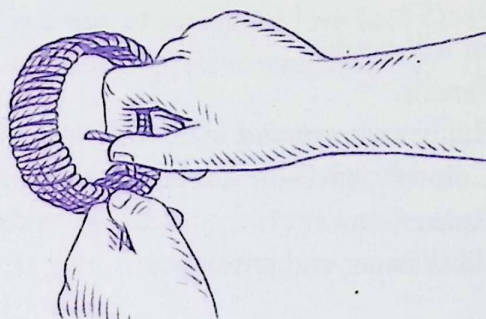
6. Use as much of one color as you want, then cut the yarn, making sure to leave a "tail."



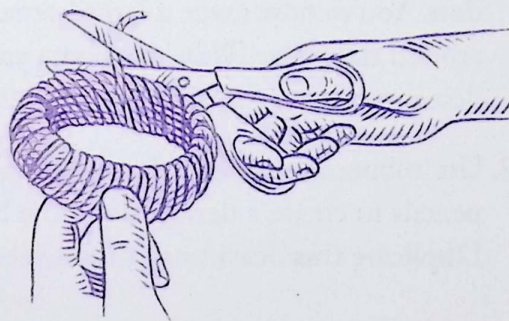
7. Start your next color. It should overlap a bit with your first color. See the picture.



8. Continue this with other colored yarns until the bracelet is completely covered. Weave the end through the yarns on the back of the bracelet to secure it.



9. Cut all remaining yarn "tails."



You can use this same technique on headbands and picture frames, too! Or you can create special pencils for you and your friends to use to write to each other.

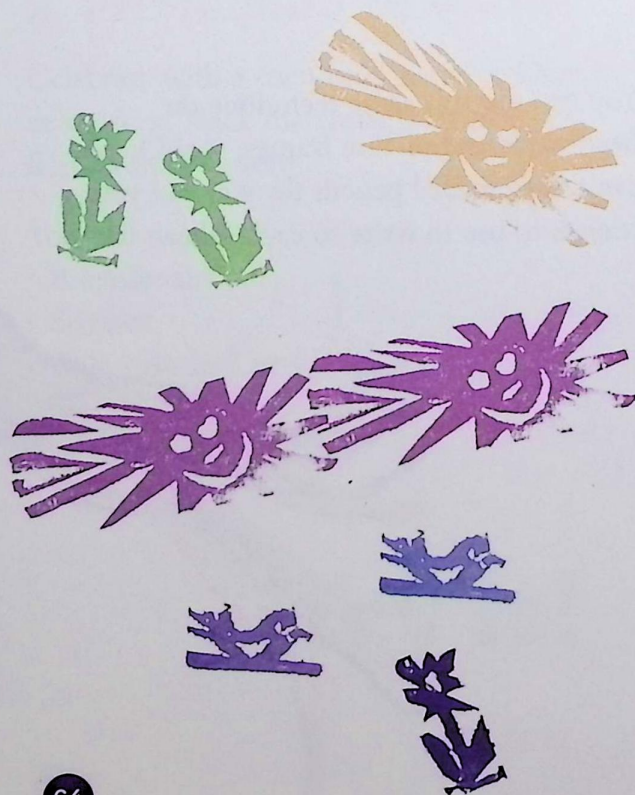


3. Paper Design

Make colorful writing paper and matching envelopes for keeping in touch with a special friend.

You will need:

- Pencils.
 - Rubber stamps and ink pad.
 - Colored pencils or markers.
 - Ruler.
 - Plain paper and envelopes.
1. Using the ruler, measure off 1" from all edges of the paper. Make light dots every couple of inches along each edge. Using the straight edge of the ruler, connect the dots. You've now made a light border around the paper. This is the area you'll decorate.
 2. Use rubber stamps or colored markers and pencils to create a design along the border. Duplicate this design on your envelopes.



4. Create a Code

Have you ever gotten a secret message? Making and cracking codes is fun! Here's an "alphabet soup" code to try with a friend:

1. Write out the alphabet on a piece of paper. Leave room under each letter to write a number or draw a picture. That's your code!
2. Write out the message you want to send to your friend.
3. Now substitute the number or picture that's under each letter of your message.
4. Rewrite your message using only the numbers and/or pictures.
5. Pass your message on to your friend. Make sure she has a copy of the decoding sheet or she won't be able to read the message.

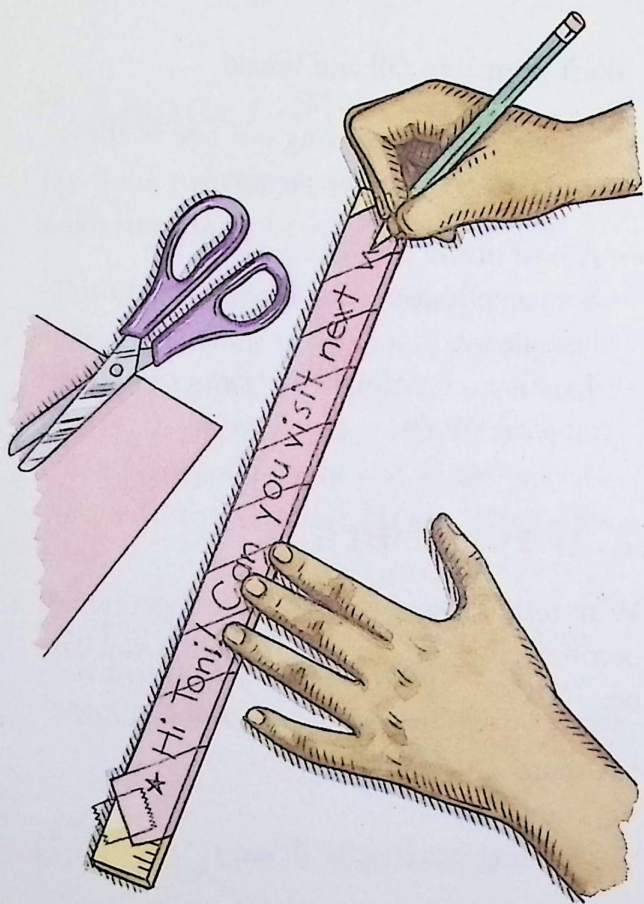
5. Measure Up!

You and a friend can send secret messages to each other, using this technique. Make sure you have the same size rulers or you won't be able to read what she's written.

You will need:

- 2 rulers of equal length.
 - Tape.
 - Scissors.
 - Paper.
 - Marker or pencil.
1. Cut a strip of paper 1" across and about 2 1/2 times as long as your ruler.
 2. Tape one end of the paper to the end of the ruler as shown on page 65.

3. Carefully wrap the paper strip around the ruler as shown below.
4. Write a short message on the paper, across the front of the ruler. Make sure to mark the beginning of the message with a star.



5. Carefully unwrap the paper and send it to your friend. She will wrap the paper around her ruler, beginning with the part that's marked with a star.

Try It!

6. Flower Power

Did you know that over the years some flowers have come to have a special meaning? Did you know that we give red roses to a friend as a way of saying we love her? Or that forget-me-nots represent remembering?

The chrysanthemum is a flower that stands for friendship. Celebrate one of your friendships by planting a chrysanthemum in a pot. As your friendship grows, so will the flower!

You will need:

- A flowerpot with a drainage hole and a saucer.
- Dirt.
- Chrysanthemum seeds.
- A watering can or cup.
- A stick.
- Small pebbles.

1. Line the bottom of the flowerpot with pebbles.
2. Fill the rest of the pot with dirt.
3. Make two 2" holes in the dirt with a stick. Your holes should be 2" apart from each other. Place a seed in each hole.
4. Lightly cover each seed with dirt. Gently water the seeds and dirt until the water seeps out the bottom of the pot and onto the saucer.
5. Keep your plant in the sunshine and follow the directions on the seed package for watering. In a short time, you'll have a couple of chrysanthemum plants. Give one to your friend for her to transplant!