**Best Friend Bands**

**GET READY!**
Get familiar with your loom first!

**Notches**
The string is hooked into the loom where there are notches.

**Petals**
These show you what colors of string to use.

You can make a bracelet using the colors shown on the loom or create your own color combinations. Simply use the colors on the loom as a guide. For example, the loom shows red and blue stripes. To make pink and green stripes, just put pink string where you see red petals and put green string where you see blue petals.

**GET SET!**
Now that you know how the loom works, let's set it up with string!
Start with the horizontal stripe pattern. ALL THE PATTERNS WILL BE SET UP IN THE SAME WAY.

Cut a 20" length of string (lengths of the ruler on the right) for each of the petals on the top and bottom on the loom in the corresponding color. Cut 40" lengths for the 2 middle strings. For example, for the horizontal stripes cut 8 blue strings and 7 red strings all 20" long. Cut 2 yellow strings each 40" long.

**Line up the ends of all the strings and tie them in a knot.**

**Divide the strings into 2 groups and put them around a pencil.**

**Take all of the strings together and tie them in a knot close to the pencil.**

**Slip the loop you just made off the pencil. This loop will hold the bracelet on your wrist.**

**You've just strung your loom!**

**Repeat steps 1-6 until your bracelet is long enough.**

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**GO!**
To create your bracelet you will need to unhook one strand at a time and rehook it in another notch. EVERY PATTERN IS MADE THE SAME WAY!

1. **Move the string from the START arrow into the empty notch directly below it.**

2. **Now move the next string on the bottom up to the empty notch on top.**

3. **Now move the next top string to the empty notch on the bottom.**

4. **Continue moving the strings in this way: move the bottom strings up and then move the top strings down into the empty notches below.**

5. **Now all of the red strings should be on the top and all the blue strings should be on the bottom.**

6. **Switch the positions of the yellow strings. (The right string will move into the left notch and the left string will move into the right notch.)**

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**Rotate your loom so the bottom is now on the top.**
Notice that you have an empty notch in the lower left hand corner, just like when you started.

**TIPS AND TRICKS**

- **Keep your strings nice and tight!**
Before you switch the middle strings in Step 6, pull them away from each other. Pull until you see the top and bottom strings all touch at the center point.

- **Untangle the loose strings often!**
Comb them straight with your fingers.

- **Break Time:** If you take a break before your bracelet is done, place the end of the string into the notch where you will start when you return!

**Add Beads!**
- Add beads to the middle strings to place beads along the sides of your bracelet.
- Add beads to the end of the bracelet to make a fancy tassel!

**FINISH!** When your bracelet is long enough, unhook all of the strings from the notches. Smooth the strands in the same direction, making sure they are not tangled, and double knot. Trim the ends of the string in a neat tassel and trim the strings close to the loop on the other side.

**Pass the knot through the loop to wear your bracelet!**

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**Color in this grid to make your own patterns!**

- Top Petals of Loom
- Bottom Petals of Loom
- Repeat A
- Repeat B

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