

Flexible Beaded Bamboo Cuff Bracelet

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What is a Bamboo Domino Bead?

These are beads made of bamboo which are relatively the same size or slightly smaller than a standard domino game piece. The beads are recycled from products like bamboo placemats and seat covers that have been taken apart to harvest these fun trinkets. Each has two holes running lengthwise through the bead, making them the perfect background for creating jewelry pieces like this bracelet.

Supply List

- 8 bamboo domino shaped beads – can be found on eBay
(This will fit a 6 ½ - 7 inch wrist. For a larger wrist, add more bamboo beads.)
- StazOn Black Ink
- Third Coast Rubber Stamps images as listed below.
- Twinkling H2O Watercolors – various colors
- A small dish with clean water and paper towels for blotting
- A few small paint brushes – tiny tips for detail painting are best
- Krylon® Workable Fixatif spray sealer
- Krylon® UV Resistant Clear Spray
- 1mm black elastic cord cut in one length of 2 ½ yards
- Coordinating beads
- Flexible beading needle – I find it makes working with elastic easier.
- E6000 Glue (to daub on the knotted ends of the stretch cord to help secure the knots)



Step 4 - Thread elastic cord through the last hole of the first painted bamboo bead. Pull the end through until the cord is at equal amounts on top and bottom of bead.



Step 5 – Add four small coordinating beads to both the top and bottom sections of the elastic cord.

Step 6 - Slide the top cord down the first top hole of the next stamped bamboo bead, and the bottom cord gets slipped upward from the first bottom hole of the same bead. Pull both ends so it is snug, then add four more coordinating beads to the top and bottom cord.

Step 7 – This time the top cord gets slipped downward through the second top hole, and the bottom cord gets slipped upward through the second bottom hole. Pull the ends so the bead is snug and add four coordinating beads.

Keep repeating steps 6 and 7 until you connect into the first holes of the first bamboo bead and the bracelet is formed. (The two ends of the elastic cord will keep crossing each other in every bamboo bead hole throughout the entire process, until you finally pass the cords back through the original hole you started with.)



Step 8 – When the bracelet is formed, pass the top and bottom elastic cords back through all the beads in a continuous circle. This helps clean up the beads and helps give the cuff a tighter, more solid feel on the wrist. (The flexible beading needle is a must-have for this step.) Tie off each end with a series of knots above one of the bamboo holes and dot the knots with a bit of super glue. You can then trim off the excess elastic and use a small stylus type tool to push the knot into the bamboo hole to help hide it.



First Half of the Cuff Bracelet



Second Half of the Cuff Bracelet

Finished Bracelet