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## **Make a Nautical Rope Bracelet** with Liana Allday

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### **Chapter 1 - Make a Nautical Rope Bracelet**

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- Hi, I'm Liana from Creativebug and I'm gonna show you how to make nautical rope jewelry. I love rope, I think it's really beautiful on its own and in this class, I show you how you can transform it into a really beautiful bracelet that doesn't involve any jewelry hardware. It's just rope and a little bit of glue. First, you'll need two pieces of rope that are about seven inches long and quarter-inch wide. I like to work with this flat rope. It lays really nicely against the skin, but a nice round cord also works. You'll also need two pieces of ribbon about half-inch wide and about three inches long. Two pieces of leather strap. I cut these to about an eighth-inch wide and they're about seven inches long as well. And you can cut these shorter if your bracelet is a little bit too long. You're also going to need something to cut all of these out with. You can always just use scissors, but it can be helpful to use a rotary cutter and a mat and a clear gridded ruler, especially for cutting out the leather, if you want a nice thin strip. To hold it all together, you're going to need a hot glue gun and hot glue sticks and you're gonna wanna use a low-temp hot glue gun. First thing you need to do is tie your ropes into a knot. Take the rope and fold it in half and then insert one of the rope ends into the loop of the other and bring this tail up through the loop and pull. That's it, it's just that easy. But before you move on, you need to make sure that your cord isn't twisted, which is especially important if you're working with a flat rope. If you're working with a round rope, you can move on to the next step. I can tell in this one, that I need to turn this cord in so that it wraps around smoothly and comes back out, mirroring the other side. And the other rope looks like it is twisting correctly. Make sure that they stay that way and then you're ready to add the ends. So grab your scissors. A little bit of fraying on the ends is fine, but you wanna make sure that your ends are nice and even. They're all going to get buried inside of the ribbon. We're gonna put a little bit of glue on the ribbon. If you were using a ribbon that only has a design on one side, you'd wanna put it on the wrong side. And then press the cord to it. Make sure to leave a little space at the end, so that your frayed ends don't come out the edge. Grab your leather and you can attach that with another little dot of glue. Right there in the center. And again, leave a little room, don't let it go past that ribbon edge. We're gonna lift up and over and this actually looks a little bit long, so I'm gonna cut my piece of ribbon, add some glue and fold it up and it goes right up to that edge. And you'll see at this point why it's so important to work with a low-temp glue gun. Cut off this edge a little bit. More glue and we'll bring this over. And again, if your ribbon has a design, you wanna make sure you line it up right here. They meet up and then I like to just pull off that excess glue with my fingers when it's cooled down a bit. To finish it up, put a tiny bit of glue right in the edge and then carefully squeeze it. Don't burn yourself, let it cool a tiny bit. And then you can just lift it away with your fingers. One edge is done. And you just do the exact same thing to the other side and your bracelet is done. How easy was that? I have gone ahead and made up several other versions of this because it's so quick and easy and I actually found all of these materials so irresistible, I had to see how they would all turn out. I have experimented with twisted rope and denim ribbon. I have some more hemp style ropes here and you can even go a little bit thinner, like with these ones. I love how bright and happy this orange twisted rope is. And as you can see, I use mostly muted colors for all of these, but it is really fun to bring in a bright color. And of course, I have this one other one on my wrist and this is the ultimate lazy girl jewelry. I didn't even do a knot in this, I just used a really thick piece of braided rope and did the ends the exact

same way. You can just trim the leather to whatever size suits the wrist you're putting it on and you are ready to go.