

## Friendship Bracelets

Make a bracelet for a friend or family member. You could do a matching one for yourself!

### Materials

String or pipe cleaners

Paper straws

Scissors

Paint (optional)

### Method A

1. Cut the straws into pieces around 1.5-2cm long. If your straws are white, you may wish to paint the pieces different colours.
2. Take a pipe cleaner, long enough to go around your friend's wrist with a bit left over.
3. You may find it helpful to tape the top of the pipe cleaner onto the table or a piece of paper to keep it in place.
4. Thread the straws onto the pipe cleaner leaving a 2cm gap at the top. If you have different colours, you may like to create a pattern.
5. Continue threading each piece of straw on. If you have different colours, you may like to create a pattern.
6. Keep going until you have around 2cm left. Carefully unstick your pipe cleaner and twist the ends together to secure. Your bracelet is complete!



## Method B

1. Cut the straws into pieces around 1.5-2cm long. If your straws are white, you may wish to paint the pieces different colours.
2. Take a piece of string or thread, roughly twice as long as the person's wrist with around 4cm left over.
3. Fold the string in half and tie a knot approximately 2cm from the top to create a small loop.
4. Tape the top of the string to the table or a piece of paper to keep it steady.
5. Take a piece of straw and thread the left-hand piece of string through the straw left to right, and the right-hand piece of string through the straw, right to left. Pull both pieces of string gently to tighten.
6. Continue threading each piece of straw on. If you have different colours, you may like to create a pattern.
7. When there is around 2-3cm left, tie a knot with the two pieces of string to finish off.
8. Your bracelet is complete! The top loop can be hooked over one of the pieces of straw to secure it in place on your friend's wrist, or you can tie each end together.

