

## How to Make a 550-Cord Bracelet

### Step 1



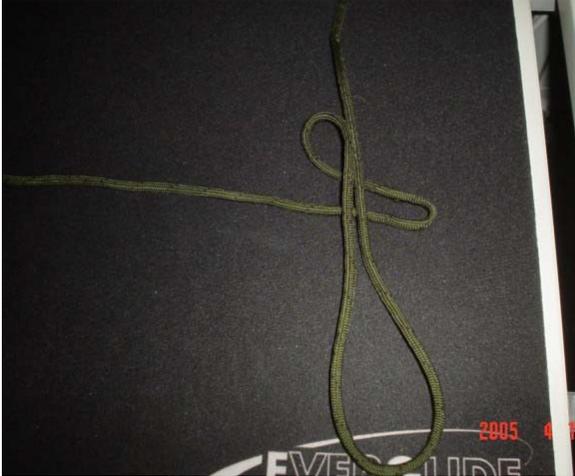
Start of with about 10 feet of 550-cord (3 meters). You can use more but then you'll have to braid it tighter. Make sure to burn the ends with a lighter to prevent fraying.

### Step 2



Grab the 550-cord by both ends and work your way through it so that you get a loop on the other end. Put the loop around your wrist so you can measure how long it has to be.

### Step 3



Alright, when you have got your loop ready, take the "left" cord and place it under the center piece as shown above.

### Step 4



Now take the "right" cord and thread it through the loop we just created with the "left" cord, under & through the left loop, now go through the left-center loop.

**Step 5**



Thread the cord under the "left" cord and go through the loop we created with the "left" cord. Now just repeat this.

**Step 6**



You can use a piece of wire to hold the loop in place and correctly

**Step 7**



Repeat step 3. Note: the tighter you braid it the more cord you can use, however the tighter it is, the stiffer the bracelet will be, and therefore more uncomfortable.

**Step 8**



Repeat step 3 and 4

**Step 9**



As you can see now the bracelet is taking a nice shape.

**Step 10**



I've been using two methods in securing the bracelets

**Step 11**



By using a button to keep it secure and...

**Step 12**



By using just the rest of the cord.

**Step 13**



If you are going to use the button version this is your final step in braiding. Now you need to cut the cord, melt the ends with a lighter or other heating source. If you are going with the 550-cord securing method then you need to repeat step 3 once more (or twice depending on how tight the braids are).

**Step 14**



Once you have finished braiding the bracelet, there should be a small loop on the end, just big enough to put both cords through.

**Step 15**



Now we remove the wire from the top of the bracelet, the same applies here, the loops here need to be just big enough to put two cords through, to acquire that you might need to pull on the cords that go down the center.

**Step 16**



Now put the cords through both loops. Note: both cords need to pass through both loops

**Step 17**



Once you have gotten both cords through you can put a knot on the end of them, try not to have the excess cords too long, best way to do this is to put the bracelet on and see how much cord you need to be able to remove the bracelet without a problem.