How to Make a Jellyfish Bracelet

This bracelet gets its name from the circle loom used to braid it. When the lengths of string are hanging over the side it looks like a jellyfish with tentacles! It is also very easy to make and creates an intricate braid pattern.

To get started, cut seven pieces of embroidery floss 2 1/2 times as long as you want your bracelet to be. Then line them all up and tie a large knot at the end to keep them in place. Feed the knot through the center hole and place each piece of floss in a separate slit in the edge. One slot should stay empty.

Now let's start braiding! Count three spaces back (counterclockwise) from the empty slot. Pick up that string (the yellow string in the diagram below) and move it into the empty slot. Now you have a new open slot. Count back three spaces from the new open slot and move it to the empty slot (in the diagram it would be the blue string). Repeat this step over and over again until your bracelet is as long as you want it.

Take it out of the loom and tie a knot in the free end and your jellyfish bracelet is done!

If you find that your circle loom is becoming too floppy or it tears, use it as a template to make a new one out of the cardboard from a cereal box. Make sure to have a grown up help you cut it out.

For a video tutorial check rclreads.org/braids-loops-knots/

