Four Harmonious Friends’ Friendship Bracelets

In the “Four Harmonious Friends,” a bird, rabbit, monkey, and elephant work together to harvest fruits from a growing tree. Do you have any friends who have helped you achieve a goal that you wouldn’t have been able to accomplish by yourself? Show them gratitude by making them a friendship bracelet.

**DURATION**
1–2 hours

**MATERIALS**
- Thread in four different colors (example uses embroidery floss)
- Scissors
- Tape

**PROCEDURE**

1. Select four different colors of thread. Each color can represent the one of the four friends: the bird, rabbit, monkey, and elephant.

2. Cut the four threads the length of your arm.

3. Tie the threads together about one and a half inches from one end. Then cut off a piece of tape.
Tape down threads at the same end with the knot. Arrange the threads to the color pattern you want. The thread on the far left, or Thread #1, will be the first stripe of your color pattern. The thread on the far right, or Thread #4, will be the fourth stripe of your color pattern.

Create the number four shape (the yellow area above) with Thread #1. Tuck it under the thread next to it, or Thread #2, and tie a knot. Repeat to create two knots on Thread #2.

Create two rows of knots with Thread #2, using the same steps to create the first two rows of Thread #1. Repeat for each thread to create a color pattern.

Keep creating rows of knots in the color pattern. Continue until the bracelet can wrap comfortably around your wrist or your friend's wrist.

With Thread #1, repeat previous step with Threads #3 and #4 to create two rows of knots of the same color. Originally on the far left, Thread #1 should now be on the far right.

Once you reach the desired bracelet length, tie all four threads in a large knot.
Remove the tape from threads.

Tie the knotted ends together.

Cut any excess threads from the large knot. *Share your bracelet with a friend, or wear it!*