

How To Make A Pride Bracelet for the ELCA National Youth Gathering

You'll need:

- Colorful beads (any variety will do: seed, pony, heishi, etc.)
- Stretchy elastic cord (a size that fits your beads!)
- Letter beads (optional, any color is fine)
- Accent beads (optional: metallic pearls, shells, shapes, etc.)
- Painter's tape (optional but helpful)

1. Measure 6 to 7.5 inches on a piece of painter's tape or measure-keeping device, laying it on the surface in front of you.
2. Lay your beads along the painter's tape to make sure that your design will fit the wrist size you've chosen. It can help to do this in a shoebox lid, the groove of a ruler, or something with a ridge that will help keep the beads from rolling or sliding.
3. Start sliding your beads onto the elastic cord. You can leave the cord attached to the roll to prevent double knotting or pre-cutting your sections of the cord, leaving plenty of extra length to knot the end.
4. Once all the beads are on, grab both ends of the cord and tie them off like a water balloon.
5. Make sure to give a couple of quick tugs on the accord to secure the knot.
6. Trim the ends if necessary.
7. (optional) If you have large enough beads, you can cover the knot with a large bead.

Tips:

Not every bracelet has to be the same. If you have accent beads, have fun with them!

Patterns can repeat all the way around or be framed with a single color, usually black or white.

If you choose to have text, please keep the words appropriate. "Beloved" is a word that will work no matter the pride flag choice.

