

Braiding - What Can I Do With It?

Love braiding, but not sure what to do with all the finished braids?

Braids have been developed in every culture around the world and used throughout history to hold things together, tie things up, create straps, belts and also to create colourful decorations in our homes, on our costumes and possessions.

As a jeweller, I use braids to make custom cords for handmade pendants, or as beautiful, unique bracelets or necklaces in their own right, but they can have many other uses too. A braid is basically a cord, lace, ribbon or string, and can be used for anything you use these for, as well as for additional decorative uses. Some braids can also create 3D forms such as vessels and bags.

Braids can be used as they are, or manipulated and stitched or combined with other elements to create more complex decorations.

Clothing & Fashion

- Belts, braces to hold up trousers
- Shoelaces, corset laces
- Straps for watches, sandals, dresses, guitars, cameras
- Hat bands
- Neckties
- Trim for buttonholes, collars, cuffs
- Necklaces and bracelets
- Glasses cords
- Hair clips, ties, and extensions
- Bag handles
- To lace purse or bag openings

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Household

- Curtain tiebacks & trims
- Webbing for chairs
- Key chains
- Napkin rings
- Trimmings for lamps & cushions
- Hang plants, shelves
- Suitcase straps / identifiers
- Skipping ropes
- Light or bell pulls
- Bookmarks

More Uses

- Greeting card or gift wrap decorations
- Dog leads & collars
- Horse tack: head collar, fly fringe, reins
- Christmas decorations
- Bags or mats
- Scissors, fan, mobile phone cords



Braid Types - There are many ways of making braids and other 'narrow bands' - Sprang, Ply Splitting, Peruvian Braiding, Backstrap Weaving, Tablet Weaving, Kumihimo, Inkle Looms, Loop and Finger Weaving, Lucets, Plaiting, Cord Making and more!