How to make your very own friendship bracelets

Friendship bracelets are great fun to make, and even better to make with and for your best friend! There are lots of patterns you can make and lots of colours to make them all unique and special.

Method 1: THE EASIEST WAY TO MAKE A FRIENDSHIP BRACELET IS BY PLAITING.
1. Choose 3 colours of thread that you like
2. Take 2 strands of each colour
3. Tie a knot in the end of the 6 strands and separate the different colours from each other
4. Get your friend to hold the knotted end of the bracelet and simply start plaiting the 3 colours together
5. Once you have got to the end, or the bracelet is long enough to go round your wrist, tie a knot in the other end
6. Snip off any straggly ends and you’re done!

Method 2: THIS IS A BIT MORE DIFFICULT, BUT YOU WILL END UP WITH A VERY COOL PATTERN.
1. Take 6 strands of thread – choose any colours you like
2. Each strand represents a letter in the word F R I E N D.
3. Tie a knot in the end of the 6 strands.
4. Arrange them in the order you would like for your bracelet and ask your friend to hold the end
5. Take the first string on the left F and wrap it over and around the next string R to make a knot. Tighten by holding R and pulling up on string F.
6. Make a second knot the same way with string F over and around string R. Pull up on F to tighten.
7. Now drop string R and pick up string I. Make two knots with string F over and around string I.
8. Repeat on strings E, N, and the last string D making two knots on each with string F. Now F will be on the right. This makes one complete row.
9. Continue the next row by taking the first string on the left, now string R, and making two knots over and around each of the other strings I, E, N, D and F. With each row the string on the left is worked over to the right side.
10. Once you have got to the end, or the bracelet is long enough to go round your wrist, tie a knot in the other end
11. Snip off any straggly ends and you’re done!