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Klutz Bead Loom Bracelets Craft Kit



Customer Reviews

UPDATE: Oct. 4, 2010 The cheap beads and the fraying cord made it very difficult to finish the bracelet. A needle threader and a pair of pliers to be used to pull the needle through the beads would be helpful. UPDATE: Oct. 3, 2010 I had fewer problems with beads of other colors. Still, they should check the quality of all the beads before shipping them. _____ I opened this kit a couple of hours ago. The book is clear and the loom is cute. The problem is the beads. Easily 1/4 to 1/3 are unusable; I can't get the needle through them. I've used seed beads before and yes, some beads are always too small, but the proportion of bad beads here is ridiculous. It's hard to move quickly because I have to check each bead as it slides onto the needle. It took me a while to realize that the beads, not I, were the problem. It would have been helpful if the book had mentioned that. The next issue is the floss. It shreds. A lot. Try threading a shredded piece of floss through a tiny needle eye and then through a row of threaded beads. It's very difficult. I've had to undo some rows and I feel like Penelope at her loom. I'm looking forward to learning this craft, but I can't wait to try it with better supplies.

In an effort of full disclosure - There hasn't been a Klutz book yet that I haven't liked..... And we have acquired AT LEAST 20 in the last 10 years or so.... As usual- per the Klutz standard- the instructions in the book were easy to follow- accompanied by the great close up photos. Several ideas/suggestions got us up and running in No time. We own a standard wooden loom- from a previous craft kit- it was the book I really wanted- so the extra loom was just a bonus- and I wasn't expecting much after reading previous reviews. Having said that- I have come to prefer the loom that was included with the Klutz book. (as does another avid crafter friend- who is planning to buy the book-just for the loom!) SO- though not really necessary- the loom folds up for easy storage-(great idea) I LOVE that the far side of the loom is raised an inch or two than the side closest to you (of course you can also turn it around) providing enough of an angle to make your work visible to you without having to 'hover' over the top of it. It also allows for an easier pass of your needle beneath your work (unlike the wood loom we have which is Quite a bit narrower underneath). The most convenient though- I think is the plastic knob on the roller- which has a slice down the middle- which allows you to easily wedge your extra tail ends into- as well as pull them out- making loading and removing your work quick and simple. Great purchase- I usually wait for the Klutz books to go on sale at the local craft store- but this price was better than the sale or purchase with a coupon!!

More for adults than children, this loom is difficult to hold on to. Of course size 11 seed beads are not exactly easy for small hands to manipulate anyway, but I found this gift raised expectations that were disappointed. Perhaps purchase this for those children who are well able to exert control over fine motor skills, over the age of 12, perhaps younger if they are somewhat precocious or determined to learn.

I was very happy with this book. Very well illustrated. Easy to follow instructions. I would like to see more patterns.

If I could rate a zero I would. The loom fell apart and the beads and thread I threw out. The whole thing ended up in the garbage.

A 6 yr old girl loves it. It functions well and the book gives her many ideas. Recommended for children. It is easy to work with and light-weight.

This is a great craft. I would recommend it for tweens and above. My daughter is a very detailed 13 yr old. She likes this craft because it is something she cannot do on her own. She loved to braid bracelets and make jewelry already and this craft allows her to make bracelets different and more complicated than that.

I didn't get the loom kit, it was a disappointment. All I got was the book itself. :(

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