ACTIVITY: Friendship Bracelets

MATERIALS

- embroidery floss or yarn, three different colors, each strand 25" (or longer if desired)
- scissors
- tape

PROCEDURE

- 1. Hold the three strands of floss together so that the ends meet.
- Fold them in half and tie a knot where they meet in the middle, so that you create a loop at that end and have six strands to work with.
- Tape the knotted end to a table or desk and separate the six strands so they won't get tangled.
- Use the leftmost strand to tie two knots around the strand next to it. Tighten the knots at the top of the strand so that they "sit" next to the original knot.
 Tip: Make sure that your knots are secure, but don't pull too tightly. Your bracelet may have a twisted appearance if the knots are too tight.
- Continuing with the same strand, tie two knots around the third strand; do the same with the fourth, fifth, and sixth strands to the right.
- 6. The original leftmost strand should now be the strand farthest to the right.
- 7. You should see a diagonal line of knots formed across the strands.
- Repeat Steps 4 and 5, each time with the "new" leftmost strand, until your bracelet is the desired length. Each time you complete these steps, you will have added a new row of knots next to the previous row.
- Tie a double knot at the end. To place on the wrist, slip the double knot through the original loop.
 Search "friendship bracelets" online to find other instructions and variations in style for great friendship bracelets.

Additional Tips

- You may find it helpful to keep the strands you are currently tying separated from the ones not being used. A small object such as a pen, tape dispenser, or other handy item can keep the unneeded strands out of your way.
- It is important to tie the strands in the correct order in each row. In order to avoid confusion, refer to the completed rows and continue using the colors in the same pattern. For example, yellow after blue each time.

Steps 5, 6

Steps 1, 2, 3

€Step 4

Step 8