



FRIENDSHIP BRACELET GUIDELINES FOR OUR MILITARY KIDS

ABOUT OUR MILITARY KIDS

Our Military Kids® is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides children (ages 1–18) of deployed National Guard, deployed Reserve, and post–9/11, combat–injured Veterans with **extracurricular activity grants** that build children's self–confidence, enhance family wellness, and strengthen a shared sense of community.



“TOP SECRET” AWARD PACKET

Each Our Military Kids grant recipient receives a special “Top Secret” grant award packet that includes the check for their chosen activity, a personalized grant certificate, OMK patch and dog tags, a thank you postcard pre–addressed to a donor, and a **Share Your Thanks card + friendship bracelet created by a volunteer!**

FRIENDSHIP BRACELET GUIDELINES

We receive a wide variety of friendship bracelet designs, patterns, and colors from our volunteers and encourage that creativity — find a pattern that works best for you and go for it!

Since our “Top Secret” award packets are mailed in a **flat, 10x13" envelope**, we have a few guidelines to ensure your bracelets are included:

- Your bracelet must be able to lay mostly flat in an envelope.
- Please do not use beads or any fragile material that may break in the mail.

Please keep in mind that these bracelets go to boys and girls ages 1–18, so we encourage you to create a variety of sizes and color varieties!



**Please reach out to us with any questions:
volunteer@ourmilitarykids.org**

MAKING THE FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

Friendship bracelets can be as simple or as intricate as the maker desires — from a basic braided design to more complex patterns and knots. The choice is entirely up to you, as long as the bracelet follows the guidelines provided above. Below, you’ll find an example with step-by-step instructions below, but there are also countless tutorials online to help inspire your creativity..

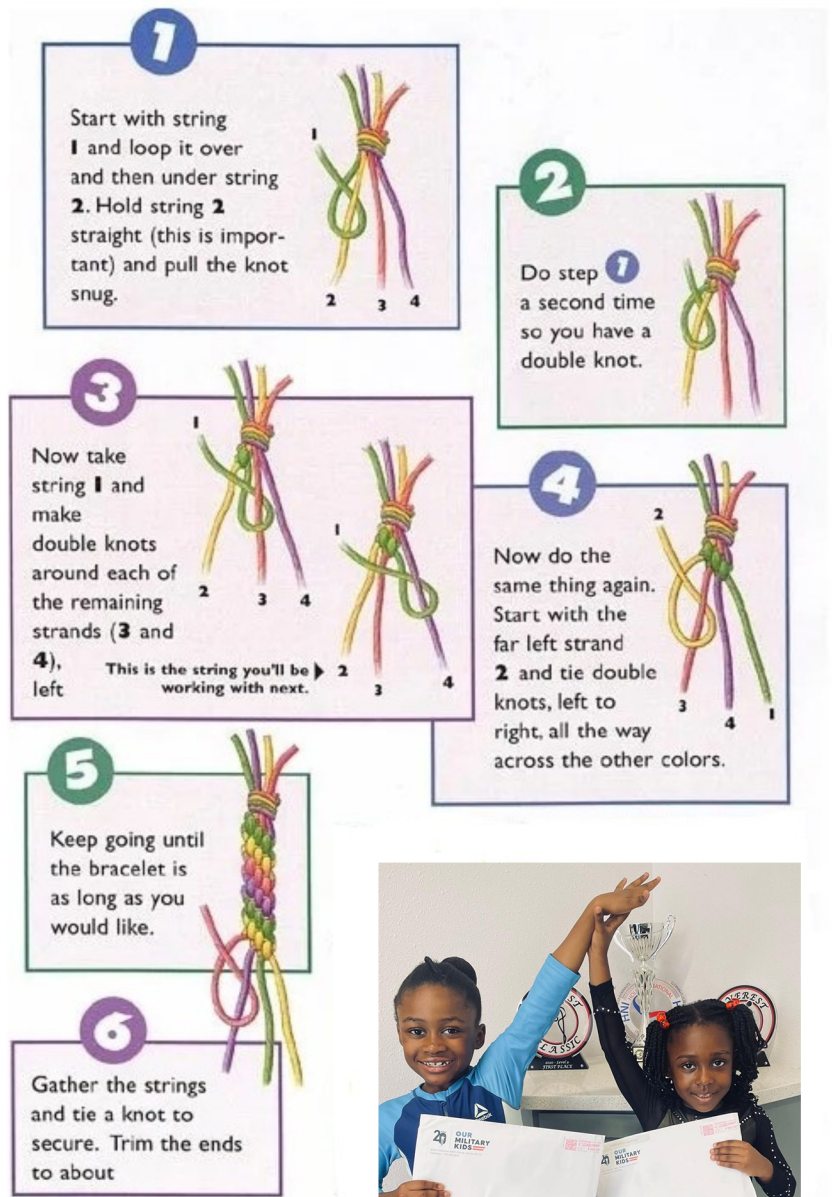
FRIENDSHIP BRACELET INSTRUCTIONS

To make a friendship bracelet, you will need:

- Embroidery floss (examples from [Amazon](#) and [Michaels](#))
- Tape (invisible, masking or paper/washi tape all work well)
- Scissors

To make a friendship bracelet, following the steps below:

1. Start by cutting (4) strands of embroidery floss about 24” in length
2. Tie a knot about 1” from the top
3. Tape the knotted end to a table or use a clipboard
4. Follow the step-by-step instructions in the graphic to the right



MAILING THE BRACELETS

1. Put cards in a large envelope or box that is easy to sort through.
2. Include a cover letter with the following: Contact’s full name, email address, and the group or business name, if applicable.
3. Ship your cards to:
“Share Your Thanks”
Our Military Kids
2911 Hunter Mill Road,
Suite 203, Oakton, VA 22124

