

Basic Round Braid

Set up your wheel by arranging the strands according to Pattern A (See Figure 1). Make sure the strands stay flat and tight. Once the strands are secure on the wheel you can begin making a braid. (If using fine silver wire, the typical arrangement is 4 groups of 10-15 wires, either 28 or 30 gauge. Use a twist tie at the center)

1. Start with #32 on top and #16 on the bottom. (See Figure 1)
2. You will start with the strands on either side of #16 (bottom of wheel).
3. Always start with the bottom left strand.
4. Pull out lace between 16 & 17 go straight across the wheel and insert between 30 & 31. You will now have three strands on top: left, middle and right. (See Figure 2)
5. Pull out lace between 1 & 32 and insert across the wheel between 14&15. (See Figure 3)
6. Turn the wheel **counterclockwise** to the next dot. When you turn the wheel, the top and bottom numbers will change. Dots indicate top and bottom of wheel. With your first turn #8 will be on top, #24 on the bottom. (See Figure 4)
7. Repeat steps 4-7* until the desired length is reached. *Always bring the furthest left bottom strand UP and across to the top of the wheel and insert it to the left of the two top strands. The top right strand will always come DOWN and across inserted to the right of the bottom strand.
8. When you reach your desired length, remove your braid from the wheel. Tie a basic knot on the end of your braid and clip the tail to desired length.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4



Remove Project from Wheel



Tie Knot



Trim Excess



Finished Piece