

## Spiffing up a braid

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### A neat and tidy way to tie off a braid in our little bitty scale.

It's easy – all you need is a piece of thread somewhere between 2-3 times as long as the hair you're braiding.

You can use **anything** – thread, embroidery thread, leather strips, wire, ribbon.... You name it as long as it's relatively bendable you're good to go.

If you're going to want decorations on it (beads, feathers, whatever) apply them first (before you start braiding)

SO – grab your strand of hair – separate it out into three pieces (or 4-5-6-7 if you like! **Grin**) and run your fingers up through it just as though you were going to start braiding.

Lay your piece of thread or whatever, I'm using a leather strip (and my poor guinea pig child) over one of your fingers so that

- 1) The center of your thread is looped over a finger and
- 2) Each end of the thread lays down one of your hanks of hair

(This is REALLY easy, and really really hard to put into words? – if the words make no sense, just follow the pictures)



Start braiding!



Yup – it's that easy! – the thread will show in places and disappear in places – thinner threads (in relation to the hanks of hair) will disappear more easily, thicker will show more.

When you come to the end....



Separate out your thread from the hair – wrap one end of the thread 3-4 times around the braid and tie it.

POOF – a purty braid, with no big chunk of rubber band on the end, the ends of the braid will lay flat – all that good stuff!



Some Examples in doll size here:

Gold thread, gold beads



Plain red thread



Beaded and feathered gold thread, I used two threads on this one



Have FUN!

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