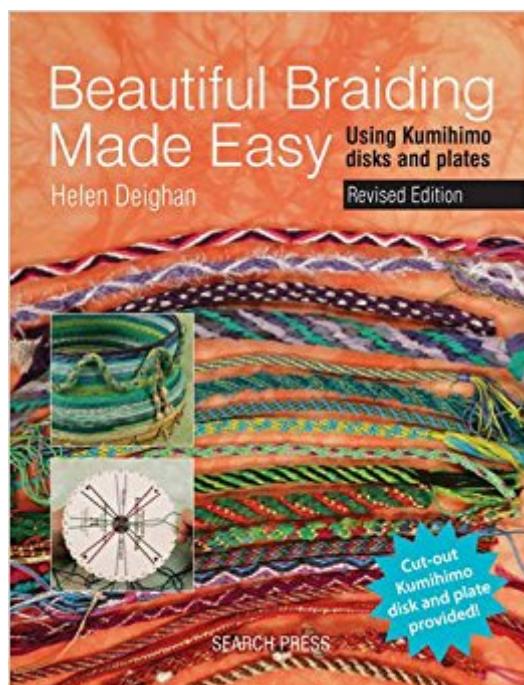


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# Beautiful Braiding Made Easy: Using Kumihimo Disks And Plates



## **Synopsis**

An easy to follow guide to producing beautiful Japanese braids using Kumihimo disks and plates; templates for which are printed on the cover flap ready to be cut out and used. There is advice on the yarns or threads to use, arranging the threads on the disk or plate, producing many different types of braid, braiding with beads, finishing off and using the braids to make bracelets, necklaces, bag handles and much more.

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## **Customer Reviews**

December 2014 As you can see from the cover of this book you know it's going to be packed full of different designs for you to try. Not only do you get easy to follow instructions you also get your own disk & plate to cut out. This book is an easy to follow guide to Japanese braiding. It covers everything from yarns or threads to use. How to arrange the threads on the disk or plate. How to braid with beads and how to finish off. There are an amazing mix of designs to make. Each looks more amazing than the last. Not only that you are given examples of how you can use the braids. I must admit that there were lots more ideas than I had thought of. To read the rest of this review and many visit Crochet Addict UK or follow this link.

<http://www.crochetaddictuk.com/2014/12/beautiful-braiding-made-easy-book-review.html> Crochet Addict UK January 2015 Braiding is not just for hair anymore. Using a Japanese technique she discovered in Australia, textilist and author (Dyeing in Plastic Bags, for one) Deighan not only

demonstrates how to use the Kumihimo disk and plate but she also incorporates two ready-to-cut-out versions on the book's front flap. (For library consideration, tape over the disk and plate with a note about where to order them online.) In all, about 30 patterns are featured, with the disk producing round braids; the plate, the flat version; and then, using beads in the designs. It's hard to envision, exactly, the process without selecting appropriate threads (usually thin) and simply beginning. At the end of each chapter, a gallery of finished patterns, with page references, appears for crafters; what would make this unusual method even more appealing is the addition of a fourth chapter-ideas for making braids a part of home decor, of clothing, of accessories. Booklist

Helen Deighan is a UK-based quilter and teacher who specializes in dyeing fabrics in plastic bags, machine embroidery and embellishment. After studying textiles, she began to make her own quilts and dye her own fabrics, and she has received many prizes for her patchwork and quilting. She enjoys sewing, knitting, spinning, coil pot making and Japanese braiding. She writes articles in international textile magazines and teaches various techniques from her own studio.

I own 8 other kumihimo books, and would heartily recommend this be added to anyone's kumihimo library. It walks you through several different braids on the disk and plate, rather than just endless color variations on the same round braid as some other books do. So if you are looking for some different structures or ways to play with the braids, you should check this out. As another reviewer on this site noted, the plate/square disk used for reference in this book is the Hamanaka brand which has a different slot layout than the Beadsmith brand, which is more common in the US. If you have a Beadsmith plate, you will need to follow the diagrams rather than the numbering guide for the instructions, but it's not that difficult to do.

The book offers some beautiful patterns but doesn't give enough information for all the patterns. Especially when you want to increase the number of strands used. It shows how to handle, say 18 strands but doesn't explain how to handle the 24 strands. doesn't help with the number of strands per color or how to lay them out on the disks. Definitely not useful for beginners and difficult if you aren't familiar with writing patterns for Kumihimo. I would recommend choosing another book. Don't waste your money on this unless you are just looking for possible pattern ideas.

a nice book. I am somewhat new to kumihimo (I have learned how to spell it, but pronouncing it takes some thought...). I had no difficulty following the patterns.

Love the book but there is nothing easy about it. Shipping was very prompt and the price was o.k. I would recommend this book to someone a little more advanced than the beginner stage.

Well written, excellent book, quick shipping, good communication. Thank you.

Good book -- just what I expected

Great ideas

Good book for all levels

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