



## *Kumihimo and Pearl Necklace designed by Annette Merchant*



### **What You Will Need**

Kumihimo Board  
 1 x Cord ends with clasp and chain  
 12 metres of cord  
 4mm beads  
 Tiger tail and crimps  
 Cotton or monofilament

In addition you will require cutter pliers and a pair of round nose and chain nose pliers.

1. Cut your length of cord into 8 equal lengths. Holding all eight strands knot them to bind them together at one end (Fig 1).
2. Place the knot in the central hole of the Kumihimo board and position the strands as detailed in Fig 2 securing each strand in the grooves of the board.
3. Take the bottom left strand and bring it up to the left of the top strands. Slot securely into the groove (Fig 3).
4. Next take the top right strand and bring it down to the bottom right and secure securely into the groove of the board (Fig 4).
5. Rotate the board anti-clockwise by 90 degrees.
6. Repeat steps 3 - 5 bringing the bottom left strand up to the top left and the top right strand down to the bottom right before rotating 90 degrees anti-clockwise. Repeat this pattern continuously until you build up your desired length of braid.
7. Unslot the strands out of the board to remove your braid from the board and using some fine monofilament wrap and tie around the end of the braid to secure the strands (Fig 5). Wrap and tie monofilament around the other end of the braid before cutting the knot off and trimming the ends.
8. Using jewellery glue or superglue glue each end into each of the cord ends.
9. Once the glue has dried you can crimp your tigertail onto one thread as close to the cord and as you can (Fig 6). Thread your 4mm beads (Annette used glass pearls) onto your tiger tail and wrap around your braid before crimping on the other side.



Fig 1.



Fig 2.



Fig 3.



Fig 4.



Fig 5.



Fig 6.