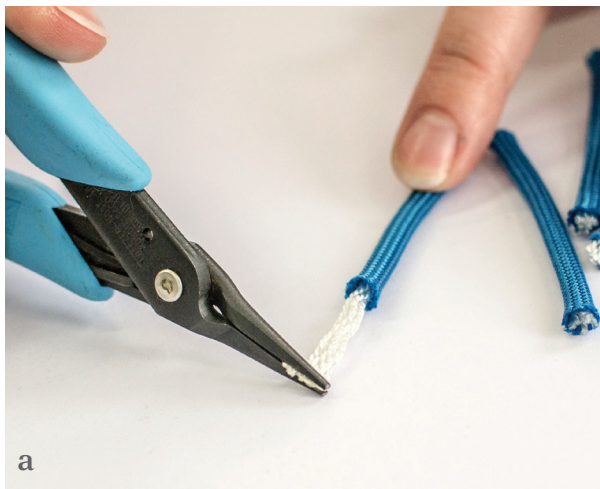


# beachcomber's wrap-around bracelet



This beginner project is a good way to become familiar with making paracord tubes. Paracord tubes open a brand new way of using paracord—you'll make your very own beads from the cord. The accent beads used in this project are just suggestions. Collect leftovers, bits, and baubles and design your own Beach Comber Bracelet.



**1** Cut seven pieces of each paracord color in a variety of lengths ranging from 1½–3 in.

**2** Remove the inner white core, or kern, from all pieces of paracord (**a**).

## MATERIALS

- 14mm gray agate round with channel-set rhinestones
- **2** 12mm silver starfish buttons
- 11mm milk glass irregular round
- **4** 10mm crystal rounds
- 10mm matte gray glass round
- **4** 10mm matte crystal rondelles
- **3** 8mm crystal rounds
- **2** 8mm silver African rounds
- **2** 5mm crystal rounds
- 21 in. navy paracord 550
- 21 in. gray paracord 550
- 21 in. medium blue paracord 550
- 8½ coils flat silver-plated memory wire

## TOOLS

- high-durability scissors
- chainnose pliers
- roundnose pliers
- steel wire cutters
- butane lighter

### tip

**Flat memory wire holds its shape better than many of the other memory wires on the market today. It also has an attractive finished look when the ends are turned in, forming cute spirals.**

**3** Using the butane lighter, carefully melt the ends of all the paracord pieces to prevent fraying (**b**).

**4** Using steel wire cutters (absolutely do not use your good wire snips), cut the memory wire to a length of  $8\frac{1}{2}$  coils. With roundnose pliers, make a loop at one end of the memory wire (**c**).

**5** String the paracord tubes and beads on the memory wire: String one gray tube, a bead, one black tube, a bead or button, one blue tube, and a bead or button (**d**).

**6** Repeat until there is only about  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. of memory wire uncovered. Make a loop at the other end of the wire.

