Supplies Needed

#37600016 Tropical Hemp Cord, 3 pc. (1 pk)
#40000380 Transparent Multicolored Pony Beads, 1000 pc. (1 pk)
#40000925 Assorted 5mm to 15mm Paste-On Wiggle Eyes, 200 pc. (1 pk)
#22279004 E6000 & Amazing Quick Hold Craft Glue Mini 4 pk (or other craft glue)
Straws (3-5…we used 3 recyclable paper straws)
Scotch Tape

Tools Needed

Scissors
Needle nose pliers (optional)

Techniques to Know (See Illustrations)

Overhand Knot
Square Knot

INSTRUCTIONS:

1.   Cut a small piece of heavy paper and cut a slit into one side (you can cut off a piece of the cord packaging paper).   Place an end of one color of cord into the slit and unwind the cord off the original product packaging and wrap it around and around this piece of paper, forming a ball. (This will prevent tangling and makes the cord easier to weave around between the straws.) Repeat this step with the other two colors of cord.
2.   Lay the straws out, side by side. Tape around one end of the straws, a couple of times, so there is a very small gap between the straws.
3.   Choose the cord color you wish to start with. Just below the scotch tape, leave a long tail and tie the end of that cord onto one of the outside straws. Begin weaving that cord over, under, and around the straws, working back and forth across the straws, creating a weave. Be careful not to weave the cords so snugly that they won't pull off the straws when you are done. Keep working the woven rows of cords up near the taped end of the straws as you go.
4.   When you wish to add another color of cord, tie the cord you are adding and the cord you are ending together, into a secure knot that rests between two straws. Trim the tails of cord from the knot. Continue weaving with the new color cord working the woven rows of cords up near the taped end of the straws

as in the previous step. Add new colors and/or transition between cord colors as desired. Once you are almost at the end of the straws and have completed all your rows of woven cords, cut the weaving cord, leaving a very long tail. Wrap the tail around a straw a few times to temporarily hold it in place.

5. Cut three groups of two 24" lengths of cord. Join each group of two cords together and slide them down through each straw, leaving a bit longer length sticking out of the straws on the taped side.

6. Slide the last several rows of woven cords down to the bottom of the straws. Join the cords that you ran through the straws, together, and tie them into an overhand knot. Divide the seven cord tails into two groups of two cords on each side, and one group of three cords in the middle. Slide a pony bead onto each group of cords, tying those cords into an overhand knot just past the pony beads. Cut the tails to a length to resemble hair.

7. While holding the cords coming out of the other side of the straws, slowly work the woven cords entirely down off the straws. Pull them snug onto the cords that ran through the straws. Re-tie the beginning of the very first cord you tied onto the straws so it is snug with the woven cords. Trim cord tail.

8. Divide the bottom six cords into two groups of three cords each. Tie each group of cords into a row of square knots to make the legs of your bookmark buddy. After the last square knot, tie the cords in each group, into an overhand knot. Trim the tails. These are your feet.

9. Cut one 24" and one 12" lengths of cord. Join middle of those cords together and slide the middle of those cords underneath the leftmost two holding cords, approximately halfway up the weaving. Tie these cords into a row of square knots to form the arms of your bookmark buddy. Once you reach the desired length, tie the cords together into an overhand knot and trim the tails to resemble hands. Repeat this step one more time under the rightmost two holding cords to make arms and hands on the other side of your bookmark buddy.

10. Use craft glue to add an eye or eyes to your bookmark buddy. Allow to dry.

SKILL LEVEL: Advanced Beginner

APPROXIMATE TIME: 1-2 Hours

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