

## WEAVE YOUR MAGIC

Kumachi honours an ancient Japanese weaving technique. Its name derives from two Japanese words, 'KUMI' meaning 'coming together' and 'HACHI' meaning 'eight', signifying the entwining of eight cords.

This soothing, satisfying practice frees the mind and celebrates infinite creativity, allowing you to weave your own magical piece of jewellery from vibrant silk and 18ct gold chain. The more you relax and just focus on weaving, the more magical results you will achieve.

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Kumachi is part of The Alkemy Always concept. We believe that luxury should be everlasting.

So, whenever you wish, return your Kumachi chain to us and we will recreate it to form something new.

The chain's intrinsic value won't be lost, but instead transformed – this time, with an even deeper story and connection to you.

### SOME TIPS BEFORE YOU BEGIN

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- 2 - CORAL
- 3 - CORAL



1. There are **4 colours** of silk cord with enough per colour for 3 lengths. Choose **3 lengths** of silk cord for your bracelet. This gives you **32 possible colour combinations** to choose from, including the option of making a bracelet all in one colour.

2. Use **three sides** of the outside of this box (two long sides, one short) to measure **a length** of your silk cord, which should amount to **around 65cm**.



3. As this is a mindful technique, we encourage you to use your sand timer to take time out of your day **without distractions** to carry out your weaving. The set-up and finishing takes about 10 minutes and the weaving takes **20-30 minutes**.

4. Be gentle with your gold chain, if you pull it too hard **it could snap**. The silk cord is unbreakable, so it can be used for increased tension throughout weaving.

5. If you fancy a break during weaving, make sure you leave **three of your cords pointing downwards**, to easily remember your next step.

6. Once woven, your Kumachi will feel tight and firm. After a day of wear, the weave will soften. Your bracelet is **waterproof**. When wet it will seem tight again – but don't worry, once dry it will go back to feeling wonderfully soft.

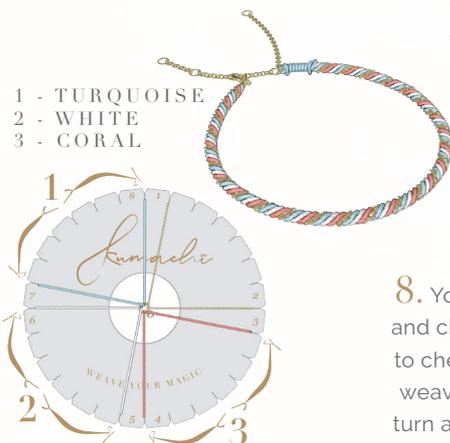
7. If you aren't happy with how it looks or realise you've made a mistake, you can always unravel it and start again. Please note, **once the cords are cut at the end**, you will not be able to use that length of silk again as it will be too short for the weaving board.

8. You need to ensure your chain finishes **equal on each side**. Stop and check throughout (see dia. 5 for how to pause, see dia. 8 for how to check the lengths). If you find one length is longer than the other, weave the longer length of the chain **more loosely** in the following turn and the shorter length **tighter**, until they start to become equal.

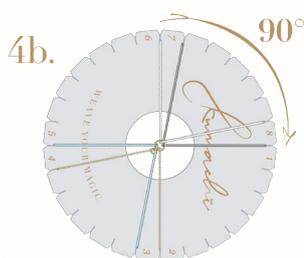
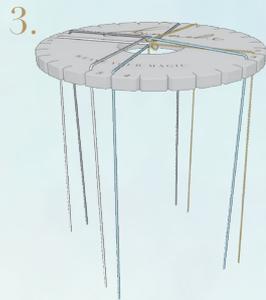
- 1 - GREY
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- 3 - GREY



- 1 - TURQUOISE
- 2 - WHITE
- 3 - CORAL



## HOW TO WEAVE YOUR KUMACHI



1. Choose **3 silk cord** colours, cut each one to **around 65cm** (see our tips – dia. 2). Thread the three silk cords through the jump ring attached to the clasp, just as the chain is.

2. The set-up of your Kumachi wheel is key to how the bracelet will look in terms of colour combinations (see our tips – dia. 1 for set up guidance).

3. Now hold your disc up in front of you so that it's flat with the cords and chains hanging down. Adjust them slightly so that each length of silk and chain is equal on both sides, whilst keeping your clasp in the centre. Please note the **chain** length is slightly shorter than the silk lengths.

4. Now it's time to weave. Start by bringing the chain in **notch 1 (top right)** down to the right of **notch 4 (bottom right)**.

4a. Then take the silk cord that's in **notch 5 (bottom left)** to the left of **notch 8 (top left)**.

4b. Rotate your Kumachi board **90 degrees** clockwise.

4c. Now repeat the previous step – take the cord from the **top right** to the **bottom right**. Then take the cord from the **bottom left** to the **top left** and rotate **90 degrees** clockwise. Please note that the numbers on the wheel are a guide for the first step, however, as you continue to weave, simply repeat this process through the notches.

5. You will begin to see your Kumachi bracelet form. Weave until you get to the **first jump ring**. Once you reach it, stop, remove the silk cord and chain from the weaving board and put your board away.

6. To finish the bracelet, pinch with your thumb and finger around the loose chain and silk cord. Choose the longest of the loose silk cords and **about 0.5cm** away from the jump ring, tightly knot it once around the weave.

7. Using that same silk cord, loop it tightly approx. **seven times** in the direction of the jump ring. On the eighth loop (or when you reach the jump ring) create another knot around the weave and **pull tight**.

8. Use **sharp scissors** to carefully cut the loose ends of all silk cords, ensuring not to cut the **gold chain**. Then use a small dot of **super glue**, which won't be seen, to close off the silk cord used for the **last knot** and the ends of the other threads.



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