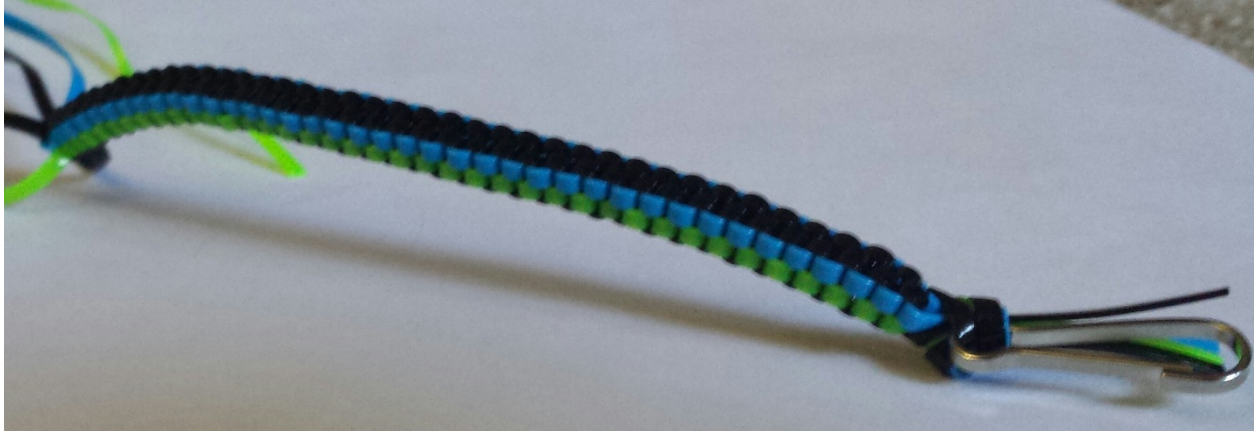


BOX-STYLED GIMP KEYCHAIN: HOW TO MANUAL



What You Will Need

1.) Gimp



Any colors you want.
This can be bought at most retail stores such as Walmart. They come in individual packs or reels.

2.) Key rings



Any kind you want.
These can be bought at the same places as the gimp. They come in packs.

3.) Scissors



Any kind of scissors will work.

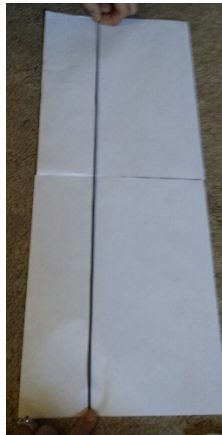
The Process

Step 1: Pull out the key ring and gimp.

Side note:

You will need four strips of gimp. They can be of one color or up to four different colors, depending on the color of the keychain you want. For this example four colors will be used. Straightening the gimp makes it easier to use.

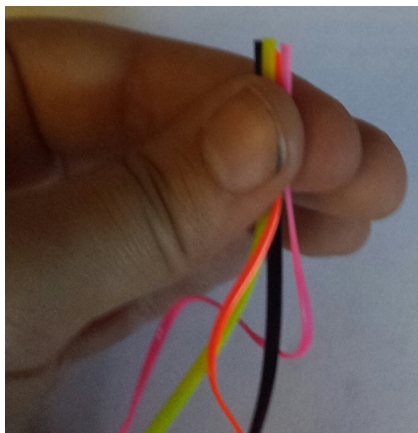
Step 2: Measure out the gimp for how long you want your keychain and cut.



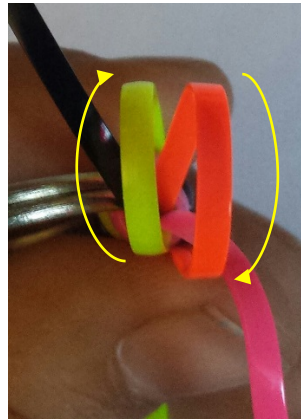
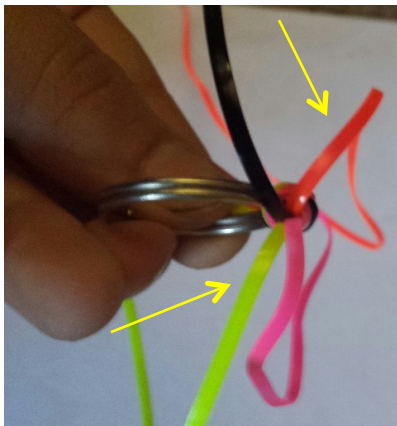
Side note:

If it is too long or too short it will be harder to work with. I recommend using 22 inches or 2 standard sheets of printer paper long, as this seems to be the best length. At the end it will be about $\frac{3}{4}$ of one page long. Keep that in mind when choosing your length.

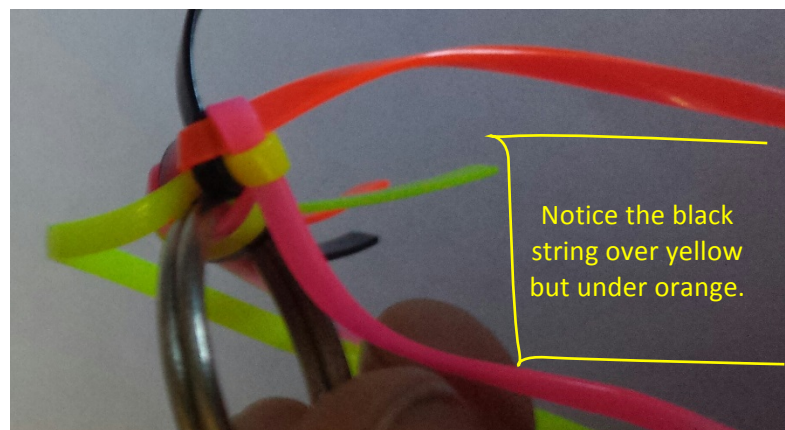
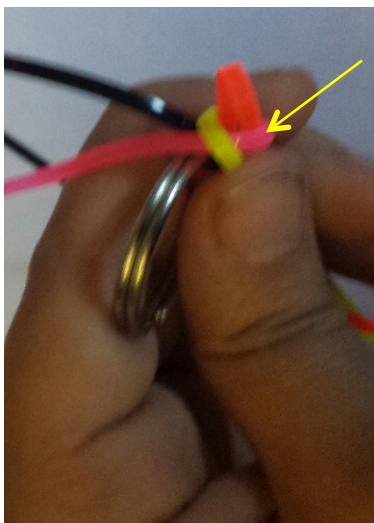
Step 3: Grab all four strings with the ends together, as best you can, and put them through the keychain about an inch and a half. Tie the strings to the keychain using a standard knot and then pull as tight as possible.



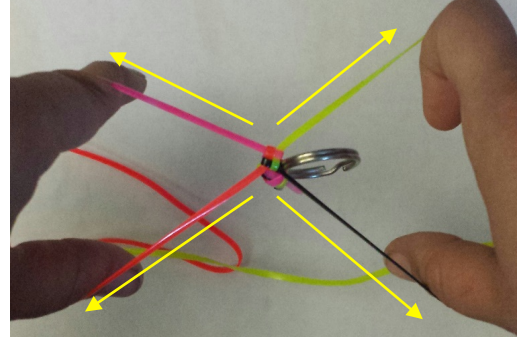
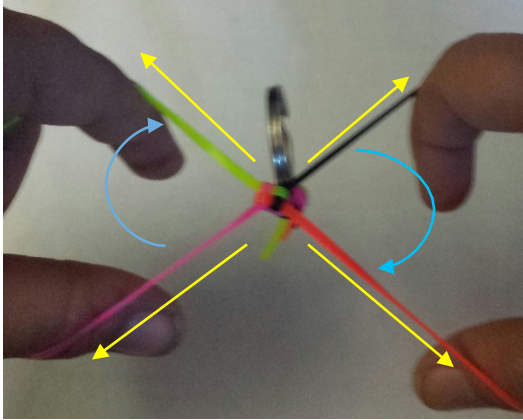
Step 4: Hold upside down so that all four strings are unfurled. Take the bottom left string and swing it over to the other side, leaving a loop at the top. Take the opposite (top right) string and do the same. Hold the loops down over the knot, when it is longer use the keychain itself. Make sure the loops aren't too big and that they don't cross over one another. Use pictures as a guide.



Step 5: Take the bottom string over the closest loop and then slide it under the furthest loop. For this, the pink string will go over the orange string but under the yellow string. Repeat using the opposite (top left) string, so black goes over yellow but under orange. Tug each string gently to flatten out the loops. It may be crooked from the knot, which is normal.

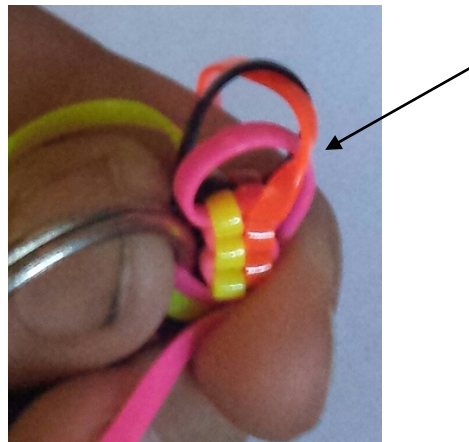


Step 6: Grip two strings with each hand and pull all four strings equally tight to bring all four strings together. Then rotate the keychain and repeat.

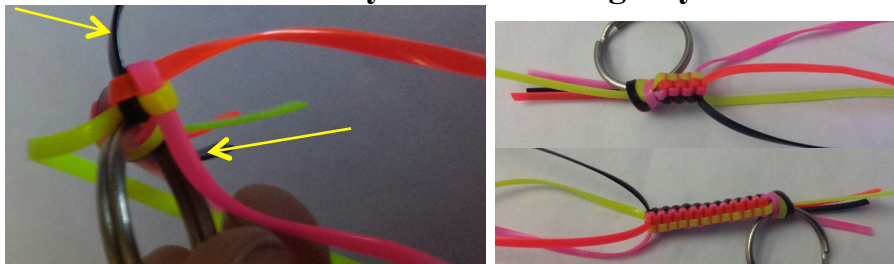


Side note:

During this process be sure to keep all of the strings as straight as possible or else the keychain could end up with twists in it.

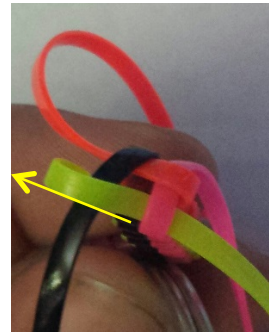
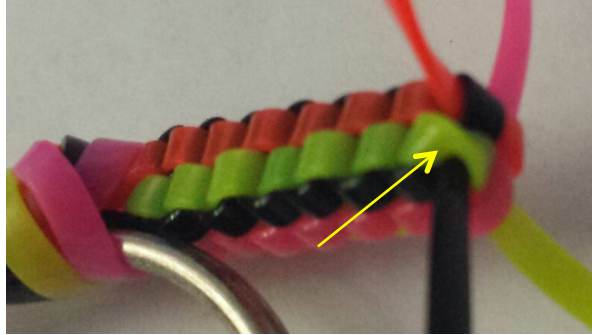


Step 7: Repeat steps four, five and six, only this time take the top left string and loop it down so the end of the loop touches the same color of the square below, the bottom right string is looped forward. For this the black loops down to the black part of the square below. This is opposite of the first square completed. Continue until the keychain is as long as you want it to be.



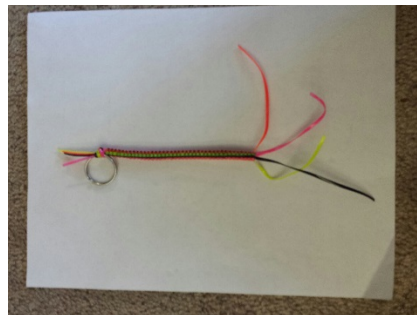
***Problem Solving:**

If you get a twist after pulling it tight, take the color that the twist is in and push it backwards undoing it. Untwist it and then tighten again. Continue on.



Step 8: Once the keychain is as long as you want it you have the option of final touches. You can do any of these options or as many as you want.

Option one: Leave it as is, you are done. (Notice it is now about $\frac{3}{4}$ a page). However, it may come loose overtime and will need to be retightened.



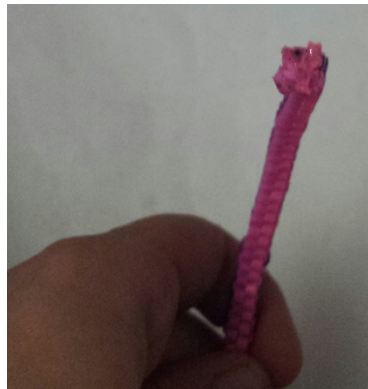
Option two: Trim up the top strands from the knot on the key ring.



Option three: Pull and then twist the remaining strands at the bottom to make it spirally. This will also have to be repeated over time.



Option four: Cut the strands. You can also add glue at the end to keep it from unraveling.



You're Done!

Congratulations!

You just made a box-styled gimp keychain, good job!

