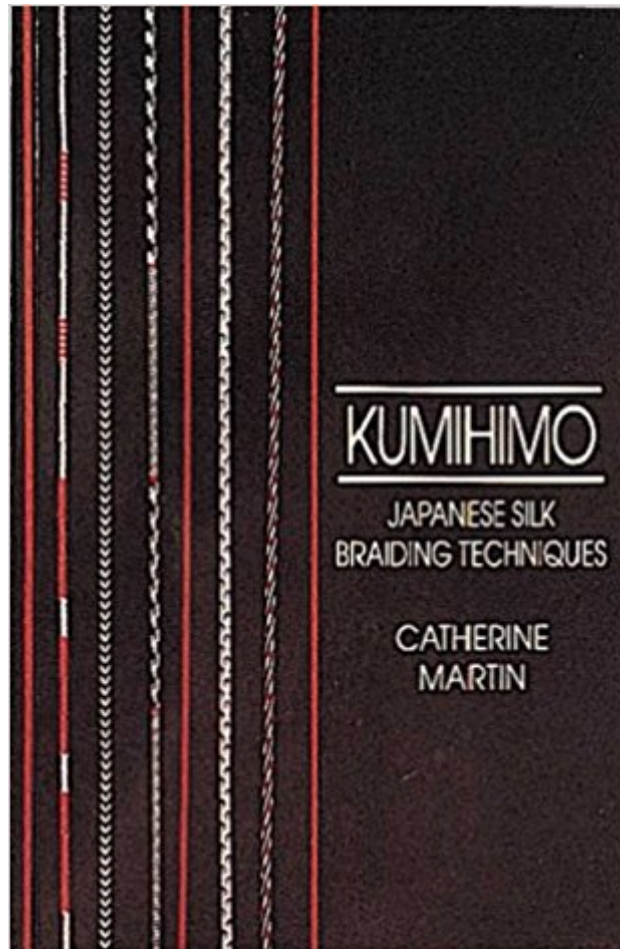




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# Kumihimo: Japanese Silk Braiding Techniques (Basic Marudai Braids)



## Synopsis

An astonishing variety of elegant and complex braids, which can be used as decoration, tiebacks for curtains, or jewelry. Instructions for making 12 different braids. 96 pages (8 in color), 140 b/w illus., 6 3/8 x 9 5/8.

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This small book gives a great intro to using a marudai to produce kumihimo braids. Not a lot of pages, but just what I needed to get started.

After waiting some time for the release of this book I was both presently surprised and at the same time slightly disappointed. I would definitely recommend this book to a beginner of braiding as the reading is interesting and the diagrams easy to follow. The only disappointment is that more than half of the braids pictured are for looking at only. No instructions!!!! How frustrating. None of the braids on the front and back covers are included in the instructions. The basic braiding techniques for all are obviously in the book but if I could work out for myself how to achieve them why would I have sent half way round the world for a book???

In terms of practical details and cultural context, this is the best book on Kumihimo I have ever seen. The book is a rather modest-looking piece of work: 93 pp, illustrations throughout with some

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this is a very helpful book. I just started kumihimo, and i found this very easy to understand!

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