



Jewelry Findings Guide

Findings are the pieces that link beads together in the jewelry-making process. This includes components such as clasps, fasteners, connectors, endings and wire.

This guide takes the mystery out of jewelry findings, tools and stringing materials.

Knots

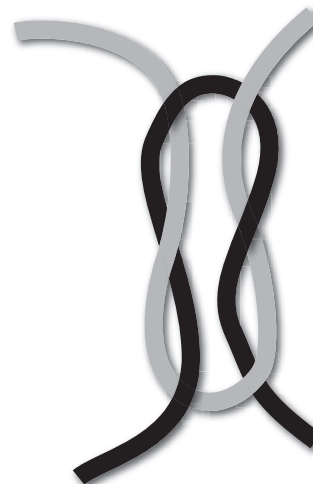
These are common knots used in jewelry-making and bead-weaving. For extra strength, add a drop of clear drying glue or clear nail polish.



Overhand Knot



Square Knot



Granny Knot



Surgeon's Knot

Earrings

The choice is all about the finished look.



Fish Hook



Kidney Wire



Lever Back



Ear Post w/Nut



Ear String



Hoops



Chandeliers



Ear Clips

Clasps & Fasteners

Clasps & Fasteners hold the look together! Magnetic clasps, toggles and s-hooks make the piece easier to take on and off.



Magnetic



Lobster



Barrel Clasp



Spring Ring



Toggles



S-Hooks



Trailer Hitch



Filigree

Connectors

Eye Pins

Ideal for making chains. Thread beads on pin leaving about 1/4" of bare pin. Form loop at open end using round nose pliers. Then add to another eye pin charm, earrings, necklaces, etc.



Head Pins

Ideal for creating charms. Thread beads on pin, leaving about 1/4" of bare pin. Form loop at open end using round nose pliers. Then add to eye pin charm, earrings, necklace, etc.



Jump Rings

Connects two loops. Tip: To open a jump ring, do not distort or weaken the ring by pulling in a side-to-side motion. Instead, pull one side toward you and the other away from you.



Double Rings/Split Rings

Connects 2 loops - slips on like a key ring.



Endings

Essential for providing appropriate "endings" to strands within various types of jewelry designs.

Crimp Beads & Tubes

Ideal for ending a strand of beads. Thread stringing material back & forth through crimp bead. For best results, flatten crimp bead then round using crimping pliers.



Double Cup Connectors

Also called bead tips. Ideal for hiding knots and connecting to closures.



Cones

Used for connecting the ends of multi strand projects. The cones hide the knots.



End Crimps (End Connectors)

Ideal for use with hemp, leather or ribbon cording. Fold over ends with a dab of glue to hold cord in place.



Crimp Coil Necklace End

Ideal for use with leather cord. Crimp springs to hold onto cord.

Special Findings

For adding functionality or a special touch.



Spacer Beads

Any bead used in between focal beads.



Spacer Bars

To hold multi-strand bead projects in place.



Bead Caps

Ideal for surrounding a bead.



Pin Backs

Provides a secure pin base for pins and broaches.



Chain Extensions

Easily extends the length of a necklace for comfort or design.



Magnetic Clasp Converter

Converts regular clasp necklaces into magnetic clasp necklaces for ease in taking jewelry on and off.

Stringing Materials

A variety of jewelry-making cords for the many requirements of multiple styles of jewelry design.



Beading Thread

Available in polyester, nylon, cotton, silk & blends. Best for woven projects or lightweight designs.

Tip: For easier threading coat with beeswax prior to stringing.



Beading Wire

(Tiger tail) Generally, multi-strand coated wires with great strength.



Stretchy Cord™

(Jelly cord) prestretched for best results - great for bracelets and anklets. No need for closure.



Monofilament

Clear fishing wire used when you want the cord to remain invisible through your beads.



Hemp & Leather Cords

Generally used in projects with simple or knotted designs.



Memory Wire

Tempered wire coiled into a shape. It quickly returns to its original shape after opening or pulling.

Tools

Excellent tools for the demands of detailed jewelry-making.

Chain Nose Pliers

Tapered tips reach into small spaces. Perfect for twisting, squeezing and shaping. Also called long nose pliers.



Round Nose Pliers

Great for twists, coils and loops. Also called internal pliers.



Wire Cutters

Suitable for cutting and trimming wire up to 1.6mm, jewelry findings and head & eye pins. Also called side cutter pliers.



3 in 1 Combination Tool

Internal plier for twisting coils and loops. Groove closes coils & bends wires at right angles. Cutter trims wire, findings, etc.



Crimping Pliers

Two grooves to close and finish crimp beads. (See crimp beads.)



Bead Reamer

Used to clean out clogged holes in beads. Beading needles can sometimes be used for this purpose too.



Tools & Accessories

Items to simplify and enhance jewelry-making and design.

Jump Ring Tool

Fits over finger for convenient support when opening or closing jump rings.



Bead Stopper

Prevents beads from slipping off the cord while you're working.



Bead Board

Superb tool for bead pattern layout.



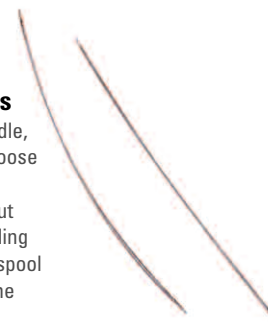
Bead Loom

Compact frame for simple bead weaving.



Beading Needles

Thread beading needle, tie odd bead to the loose end to prevent from pulling out. Do not cut cord. You will be pulling more cord from the spool through the eye of the needle as needed.



Mini Reclosable Bags

Great for storage of small, easy-to-lose beads, findings, cord, etc.

