

## Beaded Bead Fastener

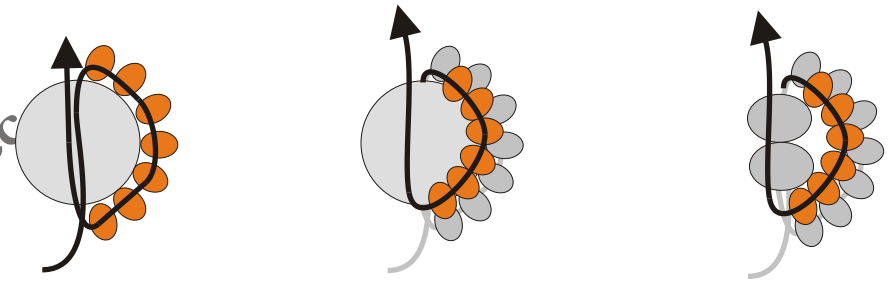
This is the most traditional way of finishing a beaded necklace or bracelet and is widely used by beaders.

**You need:** Seed beads size 11/0 (matching your beaded item)  
Thread to match your beads  
One 8 mm plastic bead  
Beading needle  
Beeswax or "Thread Heaven"

**You do:**

1. Thread the needle with 1 m of waxed thread and stitch through the plastic bead, leaving a tail. Tie the thread snugly around the bead and pull the knot inside the plastic bead.
2. With your needle coming out of the top of the plastic bead, pick up seven beads (size 11/0) and stitch through the plastic bead from bottom to top. Now stitch through the seven beads you picked up previously (top to bottom) and again through the plastic bead (bottom to top).
3. Pick up six beads (size 11/0) and stitch through the plastic bead (bottom to top).
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until the plastic bead is completely covered with size 11/0 beads.
5. Now pick up one bead (size 11/0) and stitch through the plastic bead top to bottom to close the tiny gap on top and hide the multitude of threads.

**NB:** You may also use three larger beads (size 6/0) instead of the 8 mm plastic bead.



To attach the bobble to your beaded item, simply pick up three to five beads (11/0) and connect this "shank" to the beaded item, re-stitching the connection at least twice for added strength.

**Loop:**

1. Thread the needle with waxed thread and sew it tightly onto your beaded item.
2. Pick up three beads for your "shank" plus twenty-three beads size 11/0.
3. Stitch back through the "shank" into your beaded item.
4. Strengthen the loop by re-stitching it at least twice.
5. Finish off thread ends by securing them and weaving them away.

