## Traditional Pearl Knotting

#### **MATERIALS**:

- 1 or + Silk thread ... Various beads
  - 1 Clasp
  - 1 Jump ring
  - 1 Scissors
  - 1 Needle
  - 1 Beading awl
  - ... BeadFix glue
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    Finishing loop connectors



### • Preparation :



1- Choose your beads. The most common ones are white round beads. If you want more dazzling results, be creative and use different shapes and colors of beads.



2-Based on the beads you chose, select the size and color of your thread. It is recommended to try it out first\* by making a knot to see its dimension.

#### • Stringing:



3-String on a first bead followed by a connector. Insert the thread back in the bead counter-clockwise.

If needed, you can make the hole a little bigger using a round smooth file.



4-Make a knot close to the bead.

Insert the pin in the middle of the knot and gently tighten it.

\*Make a knot on the thread and insert a bead. The knot must block the bead, if not, double your thread and try again. To measure the length of thread you will need in that case, simply double the length required for your project. For example, to create a 30 cm necklace, you will need 60 to 65 cm of thread.

Most of the time, you need to double a type F or #2 thread when using medium and large beads.



Wonder why we often use traditional stringing? Because this technique preserves the beauty of the beads much longer than the basic stringing technique. The knots allow the beads to move freely without however clinking each other and getting chipped. In addition, if the silk thread ends up breaking at some time, the knots will hold the beads together.



5-Slide this knot as close as possible to the bead, slowly removing the pin.

Add a drop of glue using a pin or a toothpick, then cut off the excess thread.



6-String on another bead and make a knot as shown in steps 4 and 5.



7- Repeat step 6 until you reach the desired length.



8- String on 2 consecutive beads without making a knot this time. Insert the other part of the connector (or a ring), and insert the thread back in the last bead you strung. Make a knot and add a drop of glue. Cut off the excess thread.



For a more delicate but yet stronger finishing, add 1 cm of French Wire to both ends of the jewelry when inserting the clasp.

Cannetille is a twisted metallic thread shaped like a cylinder in which we can insert the silk thread. As you know, the clasp of a necklace is manipulated many times, so the cannetille adds extra protection against wear and tear.



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