

## MATERIALS:

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| 1 or + | Leather, cotton waxed cord or rat tail |
| ...    | Connectors                             |
| ...    | Various beads                          |
| 1      | Scissors                               |
| 1      | Flat nose pliers                       |
| 1      | Glue                                   |



## Preparation:



1- Choose the type and size of cord necessary for your project.



2- Choose your beads taking into consideration the type and size of your cords.



If the ends of the cords tend to fray, coat them with a small amount of glue, such as *BeadFix* to stabilize the fibers.

## Stringing:



3- Insert the cord in the beads, taking care not to damage it. You may stabilize the beads by tying a knot either side of the bead.

## Completing:



4- Choose the connector or method which is appropriate to the type and size of the cords, and their number. Methods *a*, *b*, *d* and *e* can be used with leather cords and rat tail.



### **a- Spring cord connector:**

Insert the end of the cord into the connector. For a more solid connection, dip the end of the cord into some glue before insertion. Squeeze the last row of rings to tighten the connector to the cord. It must be tight enough that the cord cannot come loose.



### **b- Snake connector:**

Dip the end of the cord into the glue, and then insert it into the connector. Squeeze the lower part of the connector with a standard crimping tool.



### **c1- Multi-strand connector:**

Make a knot in the end of each cord and place the strands in order.

For a more solid connection, place a drop of glue on each knot.



c2- Insert the strands into the connector, verifying the order of the strands before closing the cover.



### **d- Small "U" connector:**

This connector is used for a single strand. Place it on the end of the strand and fold over the sides with your flat nose pliers.



### **e- Large "U" connector:**

This connector can be used with several strands. Place the connector on the end of the strands and fold the sides with your flat nose pliers.

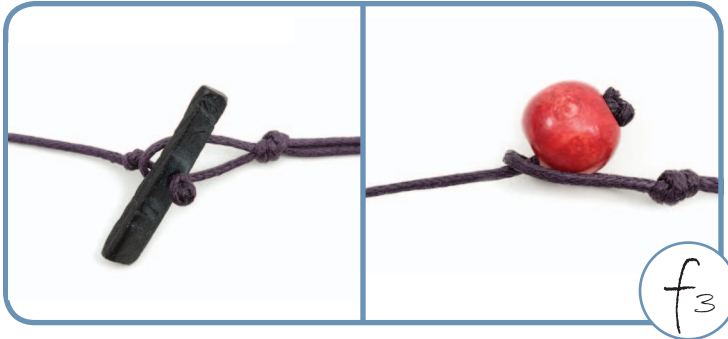


**f1- Toggle clasp:**  
Insert a round or rectangular bead and make a knot on the end of the cord.

A drop of glue will keep it from becoming undone.



f2- At the other end of the cord, form a loop, slightly larger than the diameter of the round bead, or if using a rectangular bead, one-half the length of the bead. Make a knot.



f3- Before tightening the knots or cutting the excess, verify the size by trying the bead and loop. Adjust as necessary



A nice touch to your creations, finish the strands with a bead or small knot.





