

Beaded Glasses Chain

Instructions to create a beaded glasses chain, attached to a set of eye glass connectors. Total length including connectors approximately 62 cm.

Using size 11/0 beads and/or size 9/0 beads & size 13/0 for the connector beads.

1. Cut a comfortable amount of beading thread, approx 1.5 - 1.7 meters. Thread your needle.

Leave a 40 cm tail to finish off your bead work at a later stage.

2. Add a stop bead by threading the beading thread through twice, 40cm from the end.

Diagram (a)

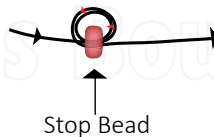


Diagram (a)

3. Pick up: seed beads in size 11/0 or 9/0 in one colour or more.

Create a pattern or keep it simple using only one colour until you have achieved the desired length.

Bear in mind, each connector and connecting beads will add 2.5 cm to your overall length. A total of 5 cm.

Diagram (b)



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Attaching the eye glass connectors to your beaded chain

4. When you have achieved the length required,

Pick up:

15 x size 13/0 seed beads

Diagram(c)

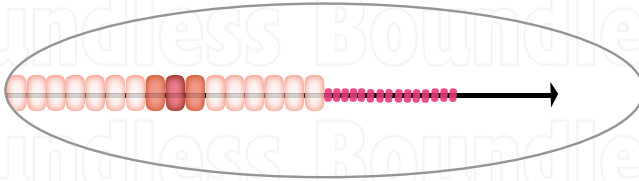


Diagram (c)

5. Pick up onto your thread, your eye glass connector.

Pass your thread back through the last size 11/0 or 9/0 bead added.

Snug your beads up to your work, forming a small loop with the size 13/0 beads.

Diagram (d)

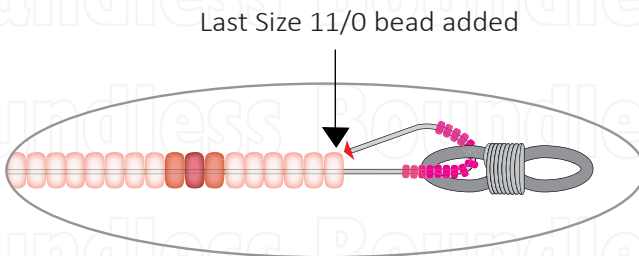


Diagram (d)

6. Pass your needle through all your beads to the middle of your work.

7. Leave that end temporarily (pick up your 40 cm tail left at the beginning) and repeat instruction 4- 6 to attach the opposite end of your work to the eye glass connector.

Finishing with both threads exiting the middle of your work

8. Create a surgeons knot with both ends snugging your beads up in the process.

Cross the left end of the thread over the right end and wrap it under the cord on the bottom. Pull it through the loop in the middle, just like you would when making a simple overhand knot. Continue with the same end of the thread, over and around the other end of the thread one more time to create a double wrap. This double wrap is what contributes to the security of the surgeon's knot.

To complete the second half of the knot, bring the right side of the thread up over the left side of the thread. Then, wrap it around the thread and pull it through the middle of the loop.

Diagram (e)

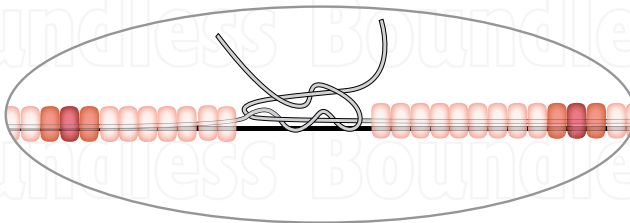


Diagram (e)

9. Pass your needle through some more beads to finish and cut off excess thread.