

HAND KNOTTED NECKLACES WITH TASSELS GUIDE

MATERIALS

- 1mm Nylon cord
- 1 tassel
- 1 bead with a 2mm+ hole for the centre of your necklace
- Beads for your necklace

TOOLS

- Beading Awl
- Henrietta's Gum Arabic
- Sharp Scissors
- Pliers (optional)



STARTING THE NECKLACE



1B



1C



1D

1 PREPARING THE THREAD

Cut 2 metres of the cord. Dip both ends in the Henrietta's Gum (Pic. 1a) and let dry (Pic. 1b).

When the ends are dry get your scissors and cut the ends in angle to give a nice point (Pic. 1c & 1 d).

Note: Two metres of cord is enough for a finished necklace beaded strap of 100cm, it also allows for extra to tie the tassel.

2 Take one of the ends and measure 15cm and create a simple knot.

3 Slip the first bead of your necklace sequence and using the following the instructions on page 3 "Hand Knotting Using a Beading Awl" knot in place.

Keep adding beads to your cord knotting in place. Refer to the individual kit instruction for the order of your beads.



TECHNIQUE - HAND KNOTTING USING A BEADING AWL



1 After threading the bead create a loose simple knot.

2 Insert the tip of the beading awl into the knot.

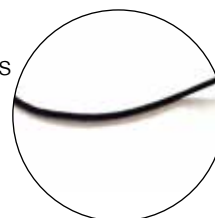
3 Pull the longer section of cord so it pulls the beading awl towards the bead.

4 Keep pulling the longer section of cord until the beading awl sits on top of the bead.

5 While you are sliding the beading awl off using your fingers push the knot further down next to the bead.

6 Remove the beading awl and push the knot so it sits flushed next to the bead.

Tip - The best way to undo knots is to use your pliers and grab the top of the thread to loosen the knot.



FINISHING THE NECKLACE



1 Take both ends of the necklace and thread through the centre bead. This bead must have a 2mm plus hole to fit both end of the necklace through.

2 Secure the centre bead by taking both end of the cord and creating a simple knot using your beading awl.



3 Your necklace will either use a tassel with-out a wrap (Pic. 3A) or you will remove the wrap of a finished tassel (Pic. 3B).
For the tassel with-out the wrap move the knot sits in the folded section (Pic. 3D).

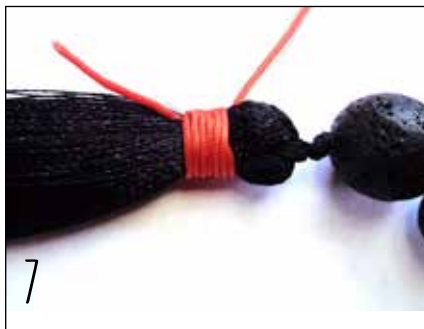
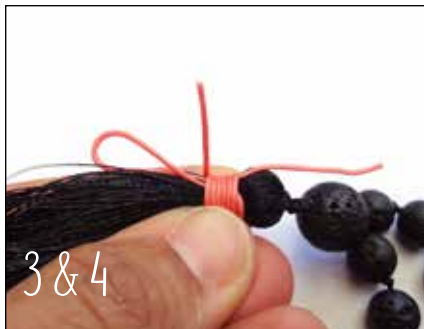
For finished tassels you will need to remove the wrap. Do this gently by pulling the wrapped thread. Then take the longer thread that is holding the threads to together and turn it to the so knot sits in the fold (do not cut).



4 Take the partially-finished tassel and attach to the necklace by taking both ends of the stringing cord and creating a knot that sits in the centre of the folded tassel. Make sure the tassel is flushed to the bead before securing the knot (either by double knotting or adding a touch a glue).

Finish the tassel by following the instructions on page 5 "Knot Wrap For Tassels"

TECHNIQUE - KNOT WRAP FOR TASSELS



1. Cut 20cm of cord. Fold over the end making sure the folded section is approx 2cm longer than the length of the finish wrap.

2. Bundle together the tassel to be wrapped. Now get the cord from step 1 placing it on the tassel with the loop facing down and the shorter end at the top sticking out. Note It is important that the shorter end sticks out on the top.

3. Now take the cord and start to wrap tightly around making sure you do not wrap around the short end.

4. Keep wrapping to your desired length. Do not wrap over the loop. You need to wrap a minimum 5 times or your wrap will not hold.

5. Thread the end of the cord through the loop.

6. Use one hand to hold the bottom of the wrap and take your other hand to pull the shorter cord at the top. This will pull the loop and create a knot under the wrap. Try and position the knot halfway on the wrap.

7. Now pull the cord at both ends to secure. Trim the end of the cord and hide under the wrap

8. Finish by taking your sharp scissors and trim the ends of the tassel to make even (trim a little bit at a time)