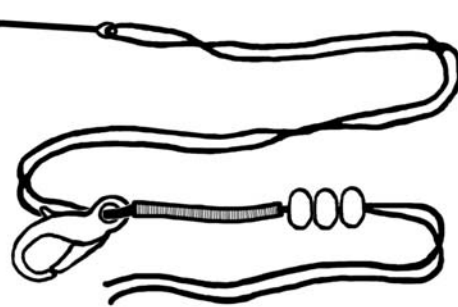


bullion technique

"Bullion" or "French wire" is used instead of a bead tip to attach a clasp to a piece strung or knotted on silk or nylon cord. It reinforces the thread and adds a neat, professional look. Bullion may also be used with flexible bead wire and crimps.

1. Thread a needle, and string one to three beads on the end of your cord. Clip about $\frac{1}{2}$ " of bullion and string that on, followed by your clasp.

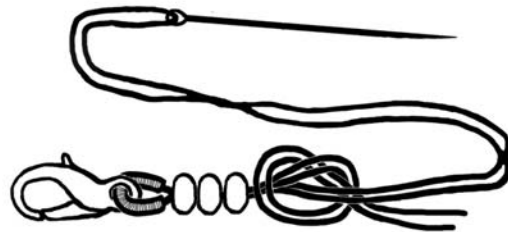


2. Bring the needle back through the beads, moving towards the end of the cord. The bullion will slide into the loop of the clasp.



*Tip: if the needle won't fit back through the beads, skip this step.

3. Use the tail to tie an overhand knot around the beading cord. Tighten the knot, add a dab of super glue and clip the excess tail.



4. String on the rest of your beads, then more bullion and the clasp. Finish with the same method.



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