

Adding Beads to Thread Alternative Method Jane Eborall 2016

This technique is useful for adding larger beads when a circle of beads is required in the middle of a piece.

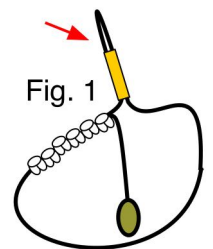


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Beads can be added so that they face inwards towards the centre of the circle. Also useful if you've forgotten to add beads to the thread before starting and need to join to them later in the pattern.

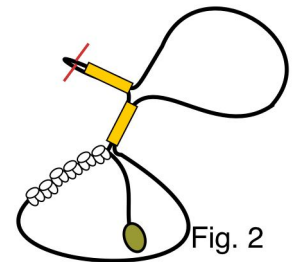
Work the ring or chain up to where the beads need to be added and make a loop and place first bead on the loop.

There is no need to add a pin to hold it in place. Snug bead up to the work.

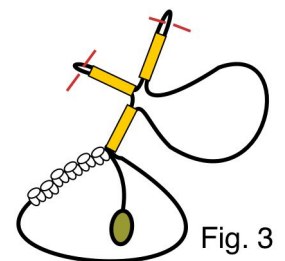


Now add a second bead to the thread to the loop which comes from the **top of the first bead** – see arrow in fig. 1. Hold this in place with a safety pin or paperclip.

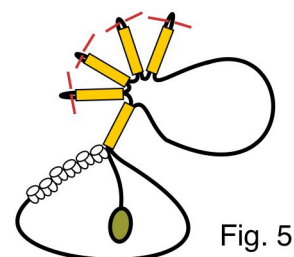
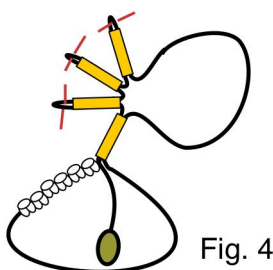
Snug bead up to the previous one leaving as small a space as possible. Beads need to be kept to the left and closest to the work already done.



The third bead is added to the thread coming from the bottom of the second bead. Again a safety pin is required to hold it in place. Don't forget to snug this bead up too.



Beads four and five are added as before (see fig. 4 and fig. 5).



When the final bead required has been added make sure all your beads and thread have been snugged up tight and pull remaining thread back through the final bead to form the ring. See Fig. 6.

Close the ring or reverse the chain and continue with the pattern.

IMPORTANT TIP. When joining to the beads later in the pattern be sure that the beads are being joined in the correct order – check the threads in the centre of the star before joining each one. Remove the pin/clip.

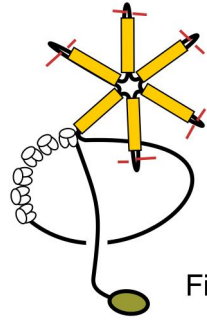


Fig. 6