

"Tip" Sheet for Double Loop Bead Tips

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Double Loop Beading Tips are a great way to give your jewelry a strong finish - there's nothing to come open (once you're finished)

How they Work

These come with a hole in the bottom which you run your cord through, then you either knot or crimp the cord, close the tip and add the clasp using a jump ring or split ring.



NOTE: DO NOT open your Cover this way. This is for illustration only

Using Cord You Will Crimp:



It's going to be hard to crimp without leaving much exposed cord since you can't open the cover very much. Try holding the cord off to the side before you crimp. You can get it pretty right in there doing it that way.

You're going to leave SOME cord exposed - just try to keep it to a minimum. After you get the crimp bead good and tight (now is the time to test it) cut off the excess and straighten things up.



Left with a Gap?

Especially using the crimping method, sometimes you're left with a little bit of a space between the bead tip and that first bead. Here's a little tip that you can use any time you have a little gap. Take cover will work and close it over come in 3mm, 4mm and 5mm "fill-in" any time anything you make gets a little loose.



The most important thing to remember is **Don't "over open" the bead tips.**



These come open at a little more than a 45° angle.



If you bent them open very much, they ARE going to break. I have been able to gently open them flat, but even then every once in a while they'll still break - I try to never open them at all, just use them as they come..

And they WILL break every time if you open them as far as you can. So.....

Remember:



Using Cord You Will Knot:

If you're using thread or something you will knot, the trick is to little or no cord showing when you're done.

I ALWAYS knot around a little seed bead or a crimp bead - I bought cheap seed beads just for this purpose.

Start by running your thread through the bottom of the bead tip, then through the seed bead.



Run the cord through the seed bead 2 or 3 times, then make a knot by running the cord under the cord. Finish by adding a drop of super-glue. Close the cover with your fingers to start, then use pliers a little if needed to fully close it. Remember to BE GENTLE.

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