

FINGER WEAVING WITH BEADALON BEAD STRINGING WIRE

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Supplies

Tools:

- Acrylic Tying Station
- Tacky Mat
- Mighty Crimping Pliers
- Nipper Tool
- Chain Nose Pliers
- Bead Fix Gel
- Binder Clip

Materials:

- 49 or 19 Strand .018 or 024 Silver Color Beadalon Bead Stringing Wire
- Size 4 Crimp Tubes
- Clasp
- 2 Jump Rings
- 2x TierraCast Distressed 4x2mm Crimp End Cap
- 2x TierraCast Distressed 4x2mm Barrel Bead
- Large holed bead, or beaded bead

Instructions

STEP 1

Place the Tacky Mat on your work surface and secure the top of the Acrylic Tying Station to the Tacky Mat.

STEP 2

Cut 5x 24 inches of Beadalon Bead Stringing Wire. Fold them in half all together so the loops are all at the same place, Bring the ends together and through a size 4 crimp tube. Crimp together. (This is a temporary hold)

STEP 3

Remove the top plate of the Tying Station and place the binder clip over the top screw. Replace the top plate and loosely screw the wing nut back down to hold the binder clip in place. Clip the wire in place with the binder clip with the crimp right behind the jaws of the clip.

STEP 4

Use your fingers to separate the wire loops so that you are holding three loops on the first three fingers of your left hand, and you are holding two loops on the first two fingers of your right hand. Don't worry about the messy top because you'll be cutting it off before adding the cord ends.

STEP 5

Take the ring finger of your right hand (the one with no wire) and poke it through the bottom loop, through the middle loop, and around and through the top loop on your left hand. Release the wire loop from the pointer finger of your left hand and pull it back to the right.

STEP 6

Shift the two loops on your left hand so one is on your pointer, and one is on the middle finger. Pull all of wires out to the sides and wiggle your fingers to pull the wires into place.

STEP 7

Now the ring finger on your left hand is free to poke through the bottom loop on the right side, through the middle loop, and around the top and through the top loop. Release it from the pointer finger of your right hand and pull it back to the left. Shift the two loops on your right hand so one is on your pointer, and one is on the middle finger. Pull all of wires out to the sides and wiggle your fingers to pull the wires into place.

STEP 8

Continue to finger weave until your loops are too small to comfortably keep going.

STEP 9

Hold all of the looped wires together so that the braid doesn't unravel. Slide one of the Barrel Beads over all of the loops of wires. You may need to cut the loops in half, just be sure that all of the wires are threaded through the Barrel Bead. Flatten the Barrel Bead with chain nose pliers. Don't trim the ends, yet. Unscrew the top plate on the Tying Station and remove the bracelet.

STEP 10

Thread your large holed bead or beaded bead onto the braid. Hold the wires together at the top of the braid, snip the crimp tube and untangle the messy wires from the top. Slide the other Barrel Bead over the top of all of the wires. Determine the size of your bracelet (you may need to undo some of the braid to get the right length) and use chain nose pliers to crimp the Barrel Bead over the braid.

STEP 11

Trim the wires 1/4 inch above each of the Barrel Beads. Double check that the trimmed wires will fit into the Crimp End Caps.

STEP 12

Fill one of the cord ends about 1/2 of the way with Bead Fix Gel. Place one end of the wires into the Crimp End Cap, and use chain nose pliers to flatten the Crimp End Cap. Repeat on the other side with the other Crimp End Cap. Allow several hours for the glue to dry.

STEP 13

Use two jump rings to attach the clasp to the cord ends.

There are several other ways to finish off a Finger Woven Braid with Beadalon Bead Stringing Wire. Check out the [Facebook Live Video](#) that I did showcasing a variety of finishing techniques.