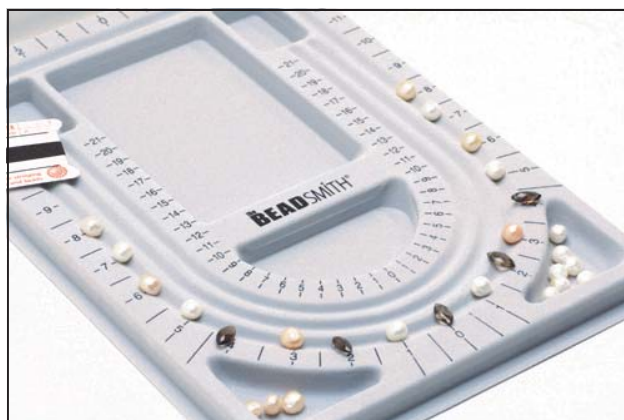


Tin Cup



Skill Level: Beginner

Learn this quick, easy method and float away! This design is simplicity itself; a beautiful necklace of beads knotted and spaced on silk cord. Your pearls and gemstones will stand out as they are set apart from each other on your favorite color of twisted silk. Inspired by the necklace Renee Russo made famous in the movie, "Tin Cup". Your new necklace is destined to be an every day favorite!



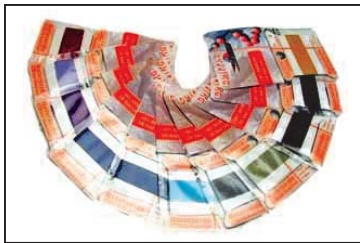
Ingredients for Tin Cup

TOOLS NEEDED

- A. Bent Nose Tweezers
- B. Wire Cutters
- C. Hypo Cement or Thread Epoxy
- D. Ruler or Tape Measure



Assorted beads. Approximately one bead per inch of your design.



1 card of Griffin silk with attached needle.
Choose the size best suited to your beads.
As a general rule:
Sizes 1-4 for gemstones and 3-6 for pearls and beads with larger holes.



1 pair of end tips



1 clasp of your choice

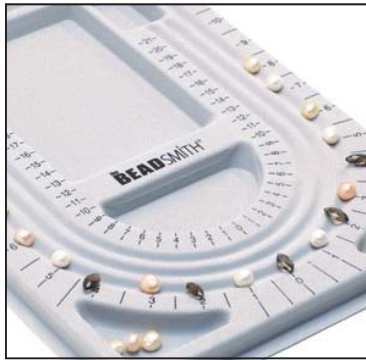
Getting Started

NB: Choose your materials wisely. Bead size may vary but hole sizes should be similar.



Step 1

Try to stretch your thread. Unravel the entire length and pre-stretch by hanging with a weight over an extended period of time (over night is best.) Or you may also stretch by hand.



Step 2

Lay out your design. Space your beads one inch apart on your design board.



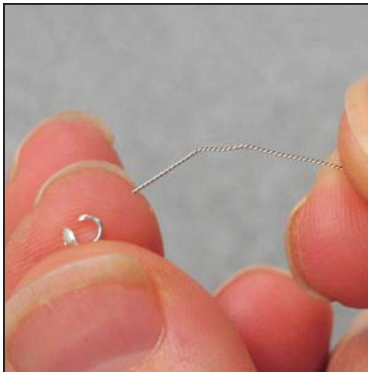
Hint:

If you have beads with larger holes, use small-holed beads on either side to aid in knotting.



Step 3

On the opposite end of the thread to the needle, make a double over hand knot. (Create a loop, pass the loose end through twice and tighten.)



Step 4

Put your end tip on with your needle with the bowl facing outwards.



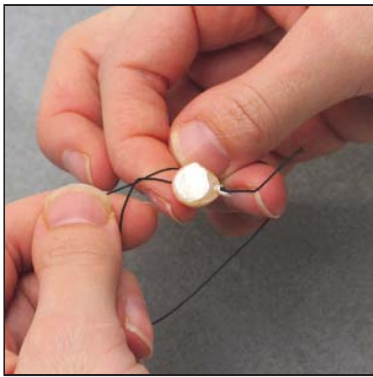
Step 5

Slide the end tip over your knot. Note: Do not knot after the end tip.

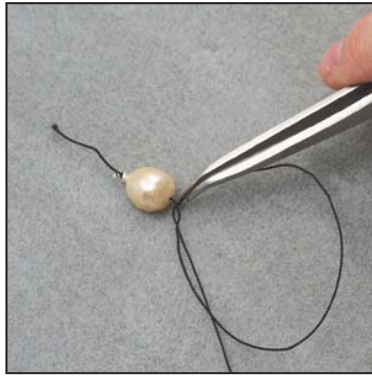


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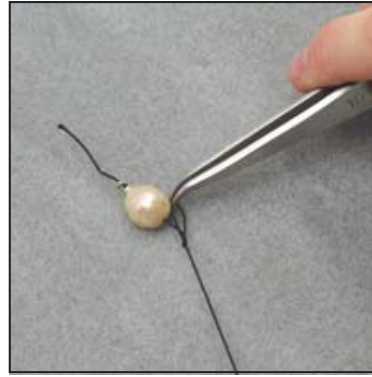
Slide your first bead right up to the end tip.



Step 7
Make your first knot. Create a loop and pass the needle and thread through it.



Step 8
Pinch the loop of the thread up against the bead with your bent nose tweezers.



Step 9
Tighten the knot by pulling down on the thread holding the tweezers steady against the bead.
Tighten the knot by pulling the thread away from the bead while the tweezers pull towards the bead.



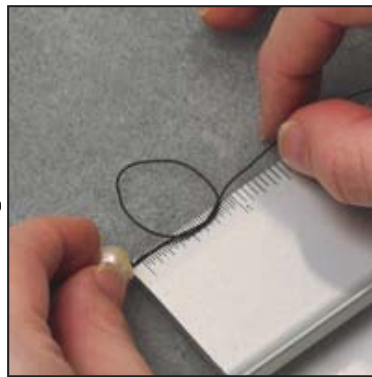
Step 10
The knot should end up snugly against the bead.



Step 11
String your next bead and push it down gently against the knot to finish tightening.



Step 12
Slide the loose bead back to the needle end. Your bead unit should look like this.



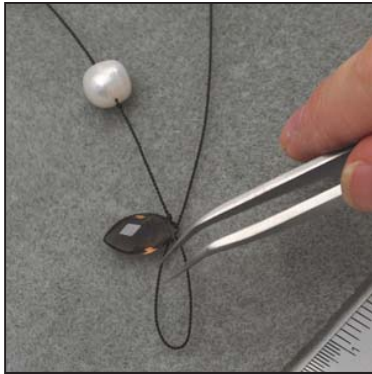
Step 13
Make your next knot loosely on the thread, using the ruler as your guide.



Step 14
Pinch the inside of the loop with the bent nose tweezers on the one inch mark and tighten by pulling on the thread.



Step 15
Slide down your next bead and pull the thread to tighten the knot.



Step 16
Repeat steps 7-12, until you have one bead left. Don't worry if your bead spacing isn't exact. When you wear it, it won't be noticeable.



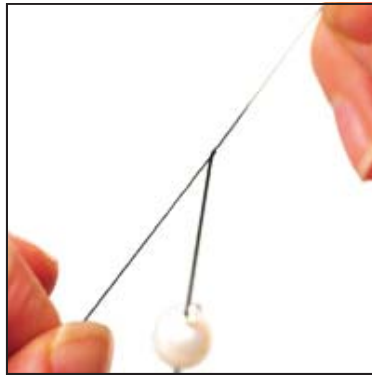
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For your last bead repeat steps 13-15



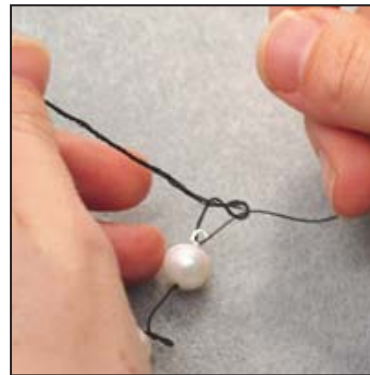
Step 18
Do not make a knot after your last bead!
String on an end tip by taking the needle up through the bottom of the bowl.



Step 19
The hook of the end tip should face away from the beads. Cut your thread leaving 5" for your final knot with wire cutters.



Step 20
Separate the thread by unwinding it down to the end tip



Step 21
Make a special square knot: First step: go right over left into the same loop and pull it tight (watch the thread doesn't wrap around the hook). Second part: go left over right pass the thread through once and tighten down as close to the bead as you can.



Step 22
Apply glue to both sides, let dry for three hours, snip off the excess using wire cutters.



Step 23
Put your clasp of choice into the open wire of the end tip.



Step 24
Use the tip of your round nose pliers to carefully curve the wire down into the bowl of the end tip. Make sure the hook securely rest inside the bowl. Repeat on the other side.



Step 25
Now you've made a beautiful Tin Cup Float!



This technique is a great way to display your gorgeous gemstones.



Using all pearls on a complementing thread color looks classic with any outfit.