

Beader's glossary

A visual guide to beads, findings, and tools

Glass, crystal, and miscellaneous beads

- 1 bicone crystal
- 2 round crystal
- 3 cube crystal
- 4 oval crystal
- 5 saucer crystal
- 6 top-drilled saucer (with jump ring attached)
- 7 cone crystal
- 8 drop
- 9 Czech fire-polished crystal
- 10 E bead
- 11 spacers

Gemstones

- 12 rondelle
- 13 faceted rondelle
- 14 chips
- 15 nugget
- 16 rectangle
- 17 tube
- 18 teardrop
- 19 briolette
- 20 lentil

Pearls

- 21 button
- 22 coin
- 23 rice
- 24 potato
- 25 stick
- 26 keshi

Findings

- 27 earring wire
- 28 earring post with ear nut
- 29 lever-back earring wire
- 30 soldered jump ring and jump ring
- 31 split ring
- 32 lobster claw clasp
- 33 toggle clasp
- 34 S-hook clasp



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- 35 hook-and-eye clasp
- 36 slide clasp
- 37 box clasp
- 38 snap clasp
- 39 cone
- 40 crimp ends
- 41 bail
- 42 pinch bail
- 43 tube bail with loop
- 44 two-to-one triangular connector
- 45 clamshell bead tip
- 46 bell end-cap
- 47 crimp tube and round crimp bead
- 48 crimp covers
- 49 bead caps
- 50 Wire Guardian
- 51 multistrand spacer bars
- 52 five-to-one chandelier component
- 53 head pin
- 54 eye pin
- 55 roundnose pliers
- 56 chainnose pliers
- 57 crimping pliers
- 58 split-ring pliers
- 59 bentnose pliers
- 60 diagonal wire cutters

Flexible beading wire

Flexible beading wire is composed of wires twisted together and coated with nylon. This wire is stronger than thread and does not stretch. The higher the strand count (three to 49 strands), the more flexible and kink-resistant the wire. Use:

- .010 or .012 to string lightweight beads or beads with small holes, such as pearls.
- .014 or .015 with most gemstones, crystals, and glass beads.
- .018, .019, or .024 for heavy beads and nuggets. *



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