

Adding Thread to Your Beadwork

1. (Figure 1) Cut the length of thread you need. Using the thread, make a loop around your fingers. There should be a short length of thread, about 8" on one side of the loop that drapes down, and remaining length of the thread that flows up.
2. (Figure 2) Take the long side of the thread and pull it up, behind your fingers, through the loop you made in figure 1.
3. (Figure 3) Carefully pull your fingers out, without disturbing the loops.
4. (Figure 4) Tighten the first loop you made. You should now have an enclosed loop. Pull the long thread so the loop is about the size of a pea.
5. (Figure 5) Take your beadwork that needs more thread and pull your working thread through the loop you made in figure 4. Run the loop all the way down to your beads. (I hold the old working thread in my mouth and let my beadwork dangle. I use my hands to pull the new thread down and tighten the loop.)
6. (Figure 6) Tighten the loop on the thread you are adding on.
7. (Figure 7) Take the short tail of the new thread and the thread that is getting too short to use, and tie them in an overhand knot. (This is the same type as tying your shoes.)
8. Bury your tail threads in your beadwork. Add the needle to your new thread to continue working...because it's too hard to bead without one. 😊

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