

Creative BeadCraft Limited

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Basic Guide to Stringing Materials

Nylon Thread

Fireline (S170 & S171)

This is very fine but extremely strong and won't stretch or break. It is recommended for use with Swarovski crystals. It holds knots well.



Nymo (S130)

Use this for stringing small embroidery beads, such as delicas. It is slightly waxed and lightly twisted. It is available in a wide range of subtle colours.



Silamide (S118)

This two ply twisted nylon thread is also suitable for lightweight stringing projects and embroidery. It is available in a range of colours.



Nylon Bead String (S119)

A good general purpose stringing material for necklaces. It is strong and won't stretch. Available in black or white only.



Monofilament (S15 & S117)

A good value clear nylon thread for general bead stringing. Available in 3 widths: 0.25mm, 0.4mm and 0.5mm.

Elastic Cord

Stretch Magic and Stretch Elastic (S122-S125)

Ideal for beginners and children making simple necklaces and jewellery. Available in clear and colours and 2 widths, 0.5mm and 1.0mm.



Beading Wire

Beadalon (JW1-JW8)

The best stringing material, it is available in a wide range of colours. It is softer, more flexible and more kink resistant than tiger tail.

The number of strands determines flexibility:

7 strand: good flexibility

19 strand: softer, more supple than 7 strand

49 strand: the softest and most supple



Tiger Tail (S16)

This nylon coated fine silver bead wire is for general usage and stronger than monofilament. Good for "floating" necklaces as beads can be held in place by crimps with wire between.



Leather, Suede & Cotton Cord

Leather (S9A & B)

This round leather cord is good for stringing larger hole beads. It can be used for many purposes and is great for knotting. It has more body than cotton cord. It looks very effective if gaps are left between beads. This is available in 1 and 2mm widths in a range of colours. Metallic colours are available in the 1mm size.



Suede (S136)

This 3mm flat leather thong is good for a modern look that shows off beads well. It is available in 7 colours.



Waxed Cotton Cord (S10A-C)

Similar to leather. A good option for children. Available in 3 widths: 0.5mm, 1mm and 2mm and a wide range of colours.



The pictures are not actual size and do not show the whole range