
















This list contains some of the tools used in jewellery making along with some of the alternative names they are also known as (AKA).

Tool	Picture	Description
Bead board		Used to design your bead arrangement for necklaces, bracelets or even earrings before threading.
Bead loom		Used to produce a strong even beaded fabric. Most often used with seed beads.
Bead mat		You can see hear the green beadmat is the right size for most projects. Keeps beads from rolling.
Bead reamer		Used to file rough edges from the hole in beads.
File (small)		Used in wirework to file off sharp edges.
Glue		Regular craft or PVA glue is used on knots to secure in place or on the end of thread to harden to form a sort of needle. Use superglue or a two part epoxy glue that dries clear for attaching beads to bell caps and fittings to metal, e.g. earring clips to your earring design.
Needles	 <small>size 10, 12 & twisted wire needle</small>	Beading needles have a narrower eye than sewing needles. The higher the number, the smaller the needle's diameter. Available in a number of sizes, size 10 and 12 being the most commonly used. Size 12 is suitable for Nymo D and size #11 Matsuno seed beads. You can also make your own needle by twisting between 24g to 32g wire - flatten the eye and trim the end even.
Pliers		
Chain nose		Used for many things including: opening and closing jump rings, squashing crimp beads or leather ends, and holding materials in place.



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Crimping		These are used to fold a crimp bead into a round ball instead of squashing it flat.
Flat nose	No photo available.	Similar to chain nose pliers but they don't taper to a point.
Round nose		Essential tool for making loops in wire. The pair pictured left also have a wire cutter.
Scissors		A small pair of embroidery scissors is excellent for cutting threads and a pair of general purpose scissors for cutting leather. I also have a pair of general purpose scissors for cutting tigertail (generally not recommended for this) but for a few dollars they will last long enough.
Storage containers		Keep beads in plastic zip-lock bags in case containers are dropped.
Wire cutters		AKA side cutters. Used to cut wire. Use on headpins, artistic wire, tigertail. Heavy duty wire cutters are also available to cut stronger materials. Place the flat side of the cutters against your work and cut.

Additional items such as bull dog clips/foldover clips (available from variety stores or stationery shops) are handy to keep beads from slipping off tigertail, wire or thread while stringing.

In the photo of the beadmat you can see it is resting on something plastic. This is an upside down lid to a plastic box. The lid has a hollow all the way around to catch any stray beads. It also allows me to move my project anywhere.

Items such as crochet hooks can also be used.

If doing wire work, for safety reasons, you must have a pair of safety glasses. These are available from any hardware store. Also ensure children and pets are not around when cutting wire.