

# Design

## Multistrand Necklaces

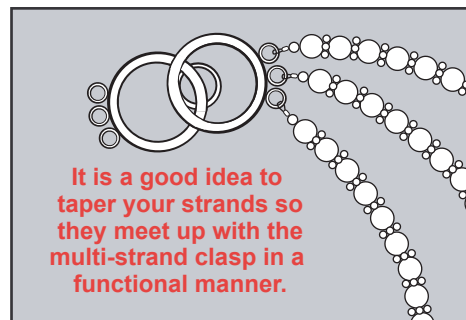
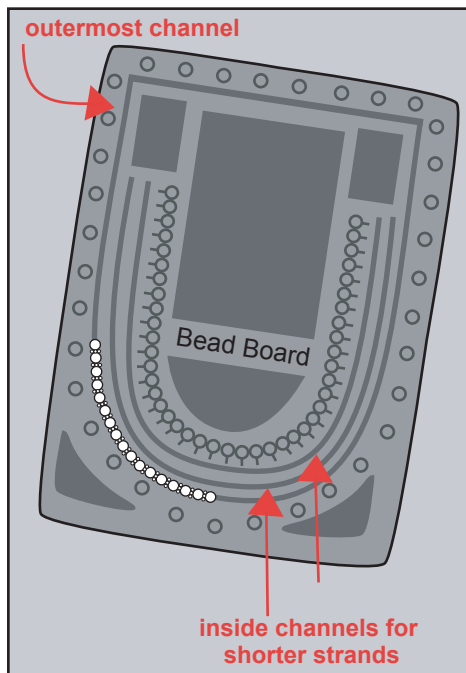
**Professional Tip:** Planning ahead will save time, avoid frustration and enhance your projects.

### Bead Boards

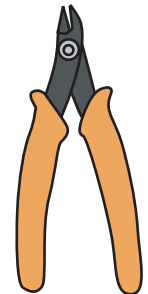
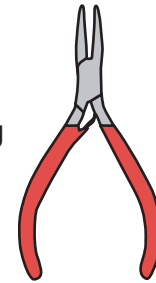
This tool is one of the best ways to plan out a beaded project. The grooves are marked at one inch intervals, starting with 0 in the center. Bead boards allow you to play with color and bead arrangements before beginning the actual project.

Bead boards with multiple grooves help when arranging necklaces with multiple strands. The boards are set up so that the inner grooves are decreased logically. When you want to have a graduated look (inner strands are shorter than outer ones), usually increasing each successive outer strand by one inch will do. Longer necklaces may require extra length to be added to each strand. Try increasing by 2-2 1/2".

Ending your project also requires forethought. You can either finish with a multiple strand clasp or choose to end with cones to gather the strands together.

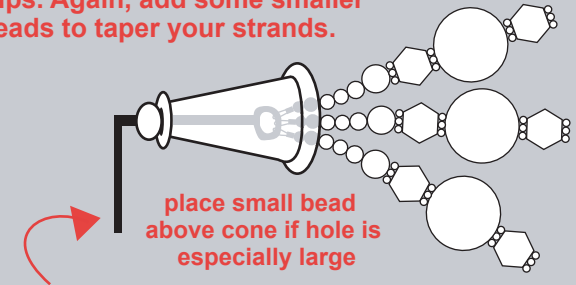


### What you will need:



Chain Nose Pliers Flex Wire Cutter

Your collected strands do not need to fit inside the cone. It should be able to conceal the crimps. Again, add some smaller beads to taper your strands.



20 ga wire, bent at right angle to make wrapped loop to connect to clasp of your choice