

Techniques

How to use Bead Stopper©

Professional Tip: Checking the fit of a piece before finishing is a great idea, avoid dropping your beads by investing in this removable clip.

Bead Stoppers©

Probably one of the most important bead related gadgets you'll make will be these clips. There are many ways that one can put a temporary end to a piece but they all have some sort of downside. Alligator clips have sharp teeth which cuts through the beading wire. Tape may not have the best hold and it may leave some adhesive on the wire. These clips are smooth and offer a secure hold while you string. So, feel confident to travel with unfinished pieces. Just don't hold your piece up by the clips.

To use: Leave about 2-3 inches at the end of your beading wire. This will be the cord that will pass back through the crimp. The clip works by squeezing the two outer loops together, thus opening the springs. Place the wire in the spring. The let it close onto the wire. The coil stopper will stay in place until you remove it.

Using a stopper instead of crimping one end allows you to fix mistakes without having to take apart the entire piece or wasting crimps.

