

# Techniques

## How to finish leather cords (part one)

**Professional Tip:** Before starting check the holes of your beads to make sure they fit on the cord. Look to lampwork, metal, bone, and wood beads for larger holes.

### Leather cord

Using leather cord can be a great way to create an informal, "natural" look. The cord is available in round, 1.5 mm and 2mm diameters in black, brown and natural.

- A. The easiest way to finish a piece on leather is to simply tie it in a knot so that it is long enough to fit over your head. Use an overhand knot (see **knot** instructions) bringing both ends together instead of tying a bow.
- B. Try a **sliding knot** which can be shortened and lengthened without a clasp.
- C. A less casual way is to use sterling silver **leather crimp ends** with a "S" clasp. The tube-like crimps fit over the ends of the leather. You may wish to use some glue to secure the ends. Since the tubes are silver they can also be crimped. There is no need to crush the whole tube, just one good squeeze will do the job.

