

Techniques

What to do with Leftover Parts

Professional Tip: Nothing ever needs to go to waste in your bead collection.

Make use of your remnants and fragments

1. If you have a toggle ring but not the bar, you could string the ring in the center to make an eyeglass holder. If the ring is too small for that, hang an interesting bead from the loop or attach a cluster of small charms to create a focal piece.
2. You may have the bar but not the ring to a toggle clasp. The bar can still function with a stone, bone, or wood donut. You could also make a loop of seed beads or leather to complete the clasp.
3. One of the saddest tales is that of the lost earring. You can give the remaining one a second chapter as a pendant by removing the earwire.
4. Have an extra fancy earwire? It can become a pendant hanger. As long as the wire is not so workhardened that it will break when wrapped.
5. Leftover chain can add visual interest when interspersed with beads on cable wire. Or the chain can be used for tassels in earring designs. Combining different metals and styles is a great idea too.

