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Unique Flameworked Glass Beads
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Which Stringing Material is Best?

There's SO many to choose from!

Who can tell you what's right for you! If you already have a favorite - then why change?? I say don't! Now, with so many products on the market, it's getting more and more confusing especially if you're just starting your jewelry making endeavor. When I suggested this topic, I had no idea there were so many choices. I see them when I shop, but because I have my favorites, I tend to look past most of the other choices now.



I'll start with stringing wire:

The most popular brands are Soft Flex, Beadalon, Acculon, Accuflex, and Griffin. Stringing wire is the re-invention of old-fashioned Tiger Tail with lots of improvements. All of these brands have created a strong but flexible wire that's made up of many tiny

wires and then coated in nylon. I can't tell you which brand is better, but I can say the truth is in the #'s. Which numbers? There are SO many. Three of the numbers on the spools are important to learn now. That way you won't grab the wrong spool in a hurry, get home and realize that's not what you wanted! The diameter is a little obvious - it describes the width of the wire. This number all gives you an idea of what project it would be good for, the wider the wire the stronger the test weight. Just like fishing,

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these wires give us a test weight number which is similar to the diameter, in that the bigger the number, the stronger it is for projects. And another number that is my all time favorite, the # of strands per wire. This number tells you how many individual strands of wire are inside the nylon coating. Why is this my favorite? Not everybody knows, but the more wires inside the more flexible and supple the jewelry piece will be when finished. Understanding these three numbers can really help when picking the right wire for your next project and as always, you get what you pay for. If you're creating a piece that you hope will have long-lasting durability and strength, don't cheat yourself on wire!

Other stringing supplies include:

PowerPro, FireLine, Silk Cord, Nymo, Illusion Cord, Silamide and many others.



Nymo, Silamide, Kevlar, and C-Lon threads are basic beading threads. These threads are like very thin long ribbons. The ribbons are made up of long strands of fibers. The ribbons fray easily, so you always wax your thread, even if the product says "pre-waxed".

FireLine, PowerPro and C-Thru and Woven Translucent Bead Cord, are used like threads, but they are really what we call a *hybrid cable thread*. These are a hybrid between threads and cable wires. These are threads that are braided together and encased in a nylon coating. You don't have to wax these. These hybrid cable threads are not meant to show in your piece.

If you want your stringing material to show, you'd choose a bead cord. This material would be appropriate for knotting projects with beads and pearls when you'd like to accent the beads with delicate knots.

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