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Moon Fairy Glass

Unique Flameworked Glass Beads
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You've Gotta Use Gimp!!

A special touch using French Wire

French wire, also known as bullion or gimp, is a fine coil of wire used to conceal beading wire next to crimps and clasps. You can find silver-tone french wire at many craft and bead stores. Look in the findings section or ask an associate for the fine coiled wire that is usually sold in several-inch lengths. Most beaders have seen the newest [wire guards](#) on the market - These are tiny u-shaped tubes to slide your soft-flex into. But, have you noticed that you can still see the bead wire in the bend? Well with Gimp, You cover the entire bead wire with a fine piece of flexible coiled wire. You'll never see the soft-flex when your creation is complete and it adds strength to your piece by protecting your hidden wire from friction of wear and tear! French wire can be cut in short lengths as needed. [Check out this awesome video!](#)



Which hole is the right size?

3/32, 1/8 or ??mm's



Well, that always depends on what you're making doesn't it!

Lampworking mandrels usually come in the basic 3 sizes, 1/16, 3/32, or 1/8 -

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April 19-20, 2008

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

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Saturday, April 26

9 am to 4 pm

Fox Lake Park

4400 Fox Lake Road, Titusville, Florida

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not to mention the giant hole mandrels. Then we add our [favorite bead release](#) (which is a fire-proof material to cover the mandrel). This adds a little to the hole opening. So, of course all sizes are not equal! When your looking for the right bead, check the sizes. Most Artists list the size of the bead as well as the inner hole. When your stringing beads on softflex type products, you'll want a smaller hole to hide the stringing wire. But if you'd like just exchange beads on your chains, you'll be looking for much bigger holes. Omega necklaces come in many sizes usually decribe in mm and any already made chain necklace would be perfect to slide on a stack of beads with larger holes that will just dangle in the center around your neck. These larger hole beads are also great for [multi-strand projects](#). Bracelets also can also come in many styles and sizes. For example, the well known Pandora and Troll bracelets need a bead with a 5mm hole. But when making a jewelry creation, if you find yourself with a bead hole that too large for what you need, you can always cover it with bead caps or large Bali-style beads. The secret to ALL lampwork bead holes is to hide your stringing wire with



coordinating seed beads!!!! Almost every creation I make, big or small - has seed beads secretly tucked inside. When you're wearing your creations, you'll find they bend with your body and who wants to see the beading wire. With hidden seed beads and french wire (gimp) you'll have hidden all signs of bead wire. People will want to inspect your work to see how you made it, but your secrets is completely hidden!



Last week's winner is Kristen from Connecticut!

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