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For

Adding Thread with a Weaver's Knot

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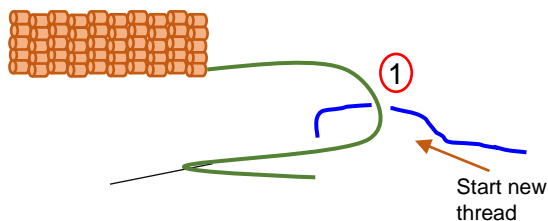
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Using a weaver's knot has become my new favorite technique for adding thread when bead weaving. It's a little tricky at first – you'll need both hands – but the knot is very secure.

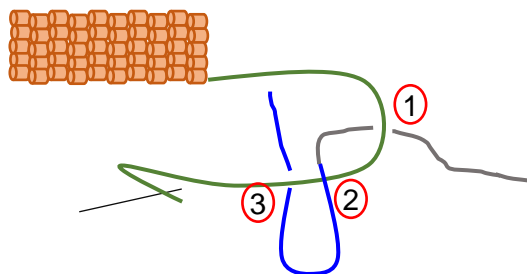
And, unless your beadwork is really thick with threads, add your new thread an inch or so from your beadwork. As you stitch with the new thread, the knot and tail ends will be hidden inside your work and you can trim any tail threads later, without having to weave each one into the work separately.

I've seen this technique illustrated in different ways. This "six point" version works for me, as I just need to remember that the new thread goes UNDER, OVER, UNDER, UNDER, OVER, UNDER.

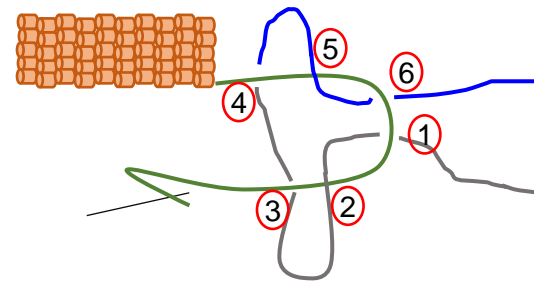
Make a sideways U shape with your old thread. Bring the **new thread UNDER** the old at the "top" of the U (**1**).



Continue bringing the **new thread OVER** the old along the side, then **UNDER** the old thread along the same side (**2 & 3**).

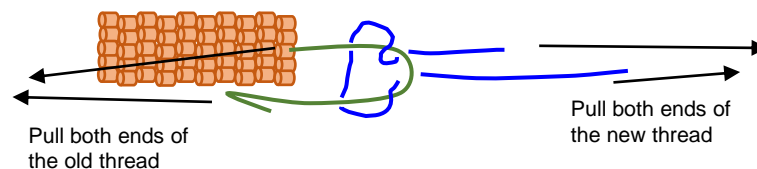


Bring the **new thread UNDER** the old on the *other* side (**4**), then **OVER** the old along that same side (**5**), and finally **UNDER** the old thread at the "top" of the U where you started (**6**).



Hold both ends of the old thread with one hand, and both ends of the new thread with the other, and pull tight in opposite directions. This knot will stay very secure.

As I mentioned at the start, you can continue stitching with the new thread, pulling the knot and tail ends into your work. You can then trim any tail threads later, without having to weave each one into the work separately.



In reality, your threads will look more like this, as they'll cross over as you pull them tight.

