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# Using Clamshells & Griffin Knotting Cord

**Clamshells and bead tips** work the same. They give you a way to hide the finishing knot and provide extra strength where you attach the clasp. Clamshells have two sides that “fold” together and completely hide the knot. Bead tips have just one side, or cup, that the knot sits in. Bead tips are a little smaller and can provide a more delicate looking finish.

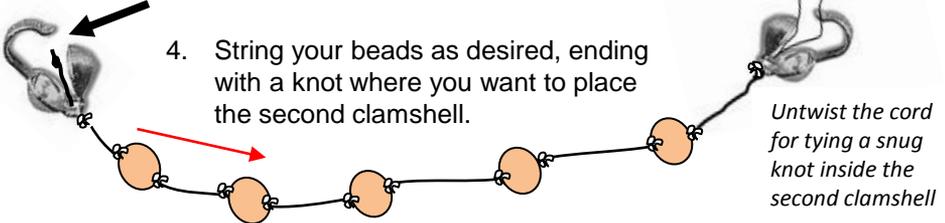


Clamshells



Bead tip

1. When using Griffin knotting cord, unwrap the cord **entirely** from its packaging and start at the **very end**. This way any remaining cord will still have the needle attached for continued use.
2. Start by tying a knot at the very end of the bead cord. Tie another knot over this if necessary to be sure it will not slip through the hole in the clamshell.
3. Thread the cord through the hole in the center of the clamshell from the **INSIDE** to the **OUTSIDE**. The knot will rest inside the two halves of the clamshell. Tie another knot on the outside of the clamshell.



4. String your beads as desired, ending with a knot where you want to place the second clamshell.

5. String the second clamshell from the **OUTSIDE** to the **INSIDE**.
6. To get a good tight knot inside the second clamshell, cut the cord leaving about 6 to 8 inches. Untwist the strands until they meet on the inside. Now you can tie an overhand knot that will be nice and snug in the clamshell. Put glue on all of the knots and let dry thoroughly. Cut the cord and close the clamshells gently with pliers.
7. Attach your clasp to the loops on the clamshells and gently close the loops with pliers.

