

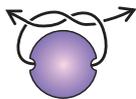
Making a Tassel



To Make a Simple Tassel You Will Need

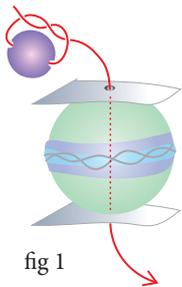
- A tassel top bead
- A measure of small seed beads A
- A pinch of larger seed beads B
- Seven 6mm faceted beads C
- A length of beading thread
- A beading needle
- A scrap of paper

Starting the Thread



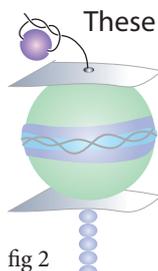
Prepare the needle with 1.2m of single thread.
You will need to add a keeper bead (a temporary anchor) 15cm from the end.

Thread on a small contrast bead and position it 10cm from the tail end. Tie a simple single knot around the bead as shown.

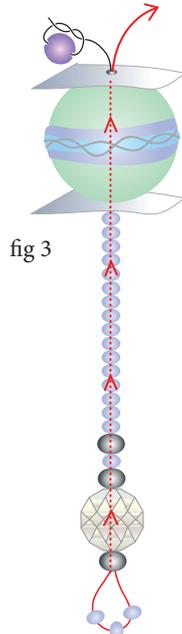


1 Tear two paper tabs about 1cm square.

Pass the needle through the middle of the first tab, the tassel top bead and the middle of the second paper tab (fig 1).



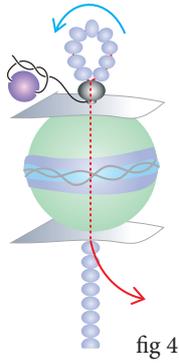
These paper tabs will stop the smaller beads from jamming in the big bead hole whilst you are making the design. They are removed before you finish off the thread.



2 **The First Strand** - Thread on 16A, 1B, 1A, 1B, 1C, 1B and 3A (fig 2).

Leaving aside the last 3A to anchor the strand, pass the needle back up the last B bead and the other beads just added to emerge from the middle of the first paper tab (fig 3).

Make sure the strand beads are pulled up together, the 3A beads at the end are making a neat triangular point and the strand is pulled up to the underside of the lower paper tab.



3 The Top Loop - Thread on 1B and 9A.

Pass the needle back down the B bead and the paper tab/tassel top bead/paper tab block, to emerge at the top of the previous strand (fig 4).

4 The Next Strand - Thread on 16A, 1B, 1A, 1B, 1C, 1B and 3A (as fig 2).

Leaving aside the last 3A to anchor the strand, pass the needle back up the last B bead and the other beads just added to emerge from the middle of the first paper tab (as fig 3).

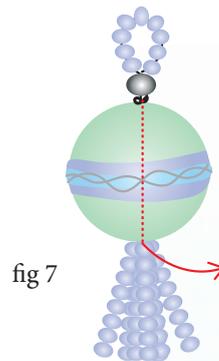
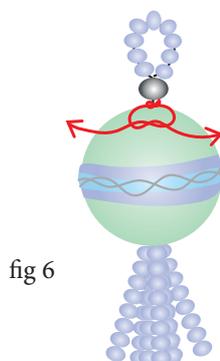
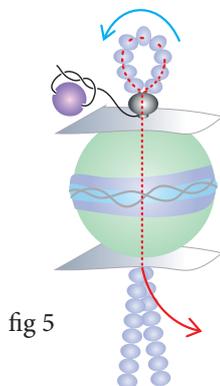
As before, check the beads are all sitting snug to one another.

5 Turn the Needle - Pass the needle through the B bead and the 9A of the Top Loop.

Pass down through the same B bead and the papertab/tassel top bead/paper tab block to emerge at the top of the previous strand (fig 5). You are now ready to make the next strand of the tassel.

Repeat Step 4 and Step 5 until you have made six strands.

Repeat Step 4 one more time to make strand seven - the needle should finish above the paper tab.



6 Finishing the Tassel - Remove the keeper bead.

Carefully tear away the two paper tabs.

Tie the needle end of the thread to the loose end with three or four knots pulling each knot down tight to the top of the tassel top bead (and underneath the B bead) (fig 6).

Pass the needle down through the tassel top bead and trim neatly (fig 7).

Attach the needle to the other thread end and repeat.

Add the clip to the top loop.

