

Kumihimo Bead Stringing Tip

Use Instanneedle® on your cord ends as a stiffener. There are many beads where the holes aren't large enough to fit both a needle and your cord. Among these are all the new two-hole beads, stone chips and most Czech glass beads. Instanneedle® is a product made by Paleobond and is actually a 2-part epoxy glue. However I've found that stiffening cord ends with Instanneedle® makes the cord end into its own "needle".

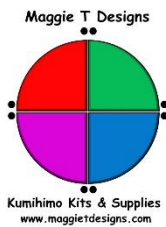
I've actually refined the process even further - I use only the liquid in the yellow-topped bottle first to dip my cords into. Wipe the end off gently with a paper towel (not Kleenex - too soft). It makes the cords plenty stiff and dries very quickly.

When this bottle runs dry use the blue-topped bottle in the same way. It makes the liquid last twice as long! After the cord ends are dried, cut it at a 45° angle to make it even easier to string your beads.

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