

## Knotting two nylon threads (fishing line)

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Materials:

Nylon thread ☺


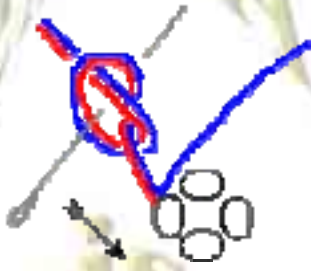

Sewing needle (beading needles are not strong enough!) or strong wire



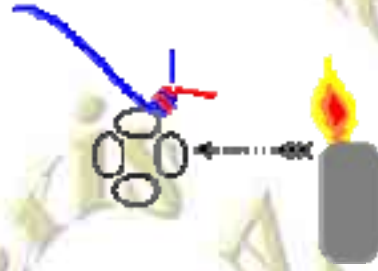



Scissors

Lighter

I do not say that I found the one and only way ☺ - I am showing here how I am adding new nylon thread.

Attention: It is a good idea to test the thread before whether it is really melting! There is fishing line that behaves like a match and burns. In this case I am using glue instead of the lighter. ☺

1. The blue thread is the new thread, red is the old one. A short length of the new thread is put parallel to the rest of the old one.	
2. Make a knot with both ends – but don't pull! You put a strong sewing needle through the loop, hold the short ends with one hand and pull the loop (that is getting smaller during this process) with the needle to the bead your thread is coming out of.	
3. Take the short ends (one in each hand) and pull them apart.	

<p>4. Then make a knot (or two ☺) with the thread ends above the first knot.</p>		
<p>5. Cut the short ends (take care to really take the short ends! The voice of experience) to the length of about 1/4 inch.</p>		
<p>6. Now for the thrilling moment: take a lighter, lighten it far from your beadwork piece and slowly (slowly, carefully!) take the flame nearer to the first short end. The thread is melting down to the knot. If you are getting too near you are melting the knot – and you have to begin again. And because we like the tension so much, we repeat the whole melting process with the second thread end – as carefully as before. Done! You may breathe again ... ☺</p>		
<p>To knot the threads at the end of a piece of jewelry that was made with two thread ends you have to come out of two beads that are next to each other. Following are step 2 to 6.</p>		
<p>Another knot that works well with fishing line:</p>		

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