

## Adding Beads to Tatting Thread

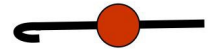
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To add beads to the thread before starting to tat can be done several ways and the following applies to both shuttle and chain threads.

**A:** Take the end of the thread and twist it in a little glue to make it hard and pointed. Take this straight through the bead.



**B:** Take a very small crochet hook (for size 11 beads I use a 0.4mm hook) through the bead.



Take hold of the tatting thread with the hook.



Pull the hook and thread back through the bead.



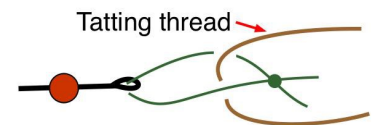
**C:** Use a fine sewing or beading needle and add sewing thread to it. Tie ends together to make a loop – use a weaver's knot as it's less bulky.



Take the needle through the bead.



Take the tatting thread through the loop near the end of the ball/shuttle thread.

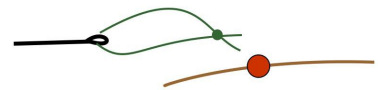


Slide bead onto the sewing thread and then onto the tatting thread. Release the short end of the tatting thread. Slide bead all the way onto the thread.

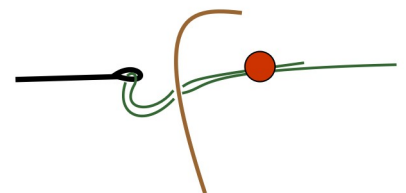


Remove the needle and sewing thread.

**D:** A floss threader can be used in place of the needle and sewing thread.

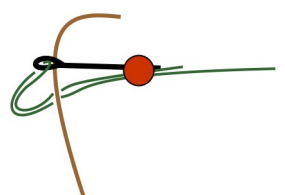


**E:** Beads can also be added using a sewing needle and thread but **without** tying the sewing thread into a loop.

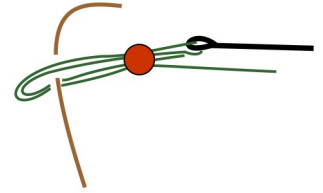


Take thread through the bead and round the back of the tatting thread.

Turn and take the needle back through the bead.



Slide bead onto tatting thread and remove needle and sewing thread.



**F:** Similar to method C but no needle and thread required. This method uses a standard needle threader. Up to 10 Delica beads can be added to the wire and still leave room to put the thread through the space at the far end. Slide the beads off the threader onto the thread.

