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Which Bead Stringing Wire Do I Need (November 07)

Bead stringing wire is a flexible wire that is composed of fine stainless steel strands that are twisted together and then coated in nylon to create a very strong stringing wire. The higher number of strands, the more flexible it is.

7 strand is the "craft" series wire which is a good place to start and offers the most economical value.

19 strand is the "designer" series wire and is a great wire to use if you are producing jewelry to wear or to give to someone.

49 strand is the "professional" series wire and is the best wire to use for professional results, especially if you are going to sell your finished jewelry.

The larger the diameter of wire, the larger the crimp size needs to be. Beadalon makes it convenient by listing the corresponding crimp size on the label of the spool.

Recommended Use:

.010 - Seed beads, small gemstones, freshwater pearls and for lightweight stringing and weaving.

.012 to .013 - Crystals, seed beads, freshwater pearls.

.015 to .018 - Medium to heavy gemstones, crystals, seed beads, glass and metal beads. Most versatile sizes for making necklaces, bracelets, and anklets.