

# Working With Mesh

**Before you start** - You can't measure the Mesh when it is empty as it is very stretchy and won't give you the right measurement. Once you fill the Mesh with beads or crystals, it will become solid and will not stretch. It is better to work with a longer piece of Mesh as you can trim it to size when you are tying the other end.

## How to finish Mesh with Glue-in Clasp

**Step 1.** Take a length of Mesh, approx 25cm long, tie a knot in 1 end with a piece of cord or thread, making sure the mesh at the end is completely closed. (Image A) Add a dab of glue around the knot, then when the glue is dry, trim the excess cord and mesh. (Image B)

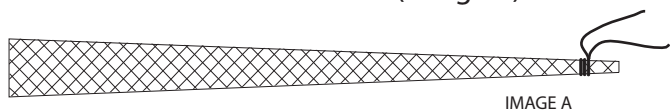


IMAGE A

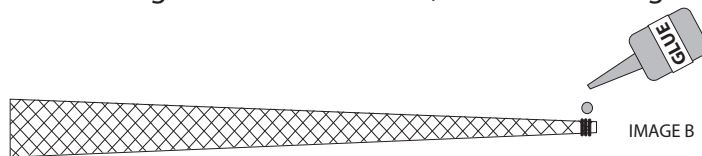


IMAGE B

**Step 2.** Take 1 side of your Glue-in clasp and add some glue to the inside of the cap. (Image C) Take your tied end of Mesh and push it into the cap, allow to dry. Top Tip - Push a bit more Mesh into the cap, so that there are no gaps around the top edge of the cap. (Image D)

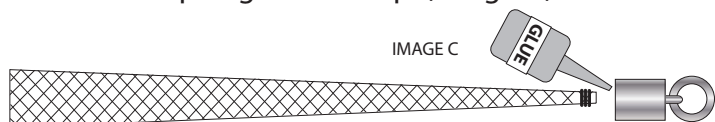


IMAGE C

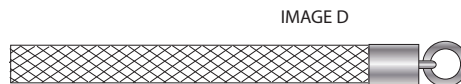


IMAGE D

**Step 3.** Now fill your Mesh tube with seed beads or resin crystals or any small material you have. The amount of beads/resin/small material depends on how long you require your bracelet to be.

**Step 4.** Once the Mesh tube is full, repeat Step 1 and 2 to seal off this end, trim off excess Mesh and then glue the other end of your clasp onto the end of your mesh. Allow to dry.

## How to finish Mesh with Crimp ends

**Step 1.** Take a length of Mesh and a End Crimp, gather the end of your Mesh altogether and place it into the open Crimp end. (Image A)

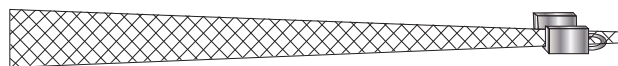


IMAGE A

**Step 2.** Now, take your pliers and holding them around side of the End crimp, (Image B) squeeze this side down on top of the Mesh, so it traps the Mesh inside. (Image C)

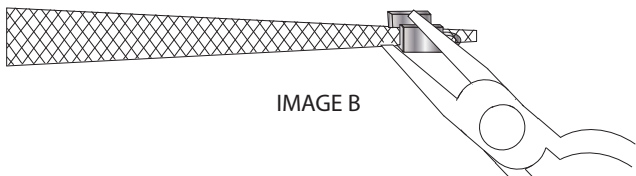


IMAGE B

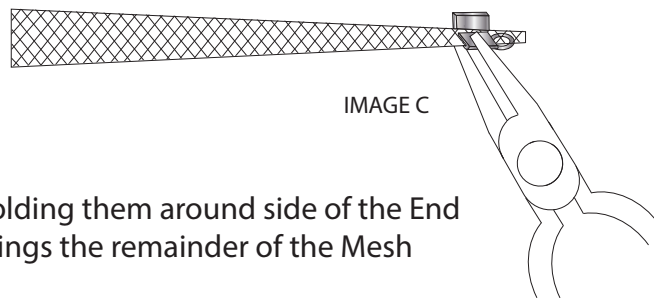


IMAGE C

**Step 3.** Move your pliers around to the other side and holding them around side of the End crimp, squeeze this side down on top of the Mesh, trapping the remainder of the Mesh inside. (Image D) Trim off excess Mesh.

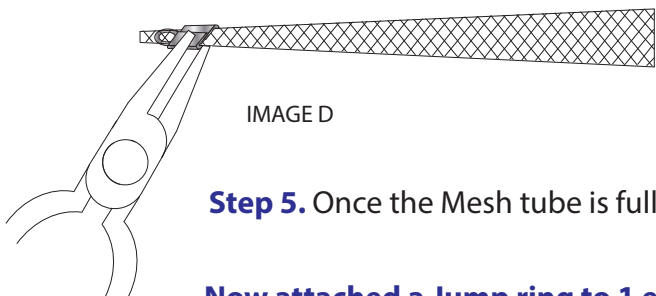


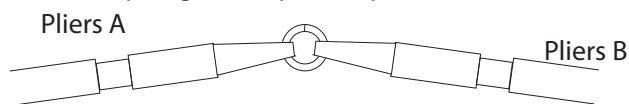
IMAGE D

**Step 4.** Now fill your Mesh tube with seed beads or resin crystal or any small material. The amount of beads/crystal/small material depends on how long you require your bracelet to be.

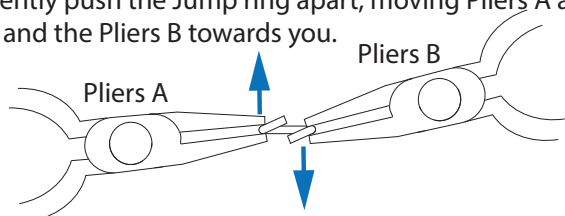
**Step 5.** Once the Mesh tube is full, repeat Step 2 and 3 to seal off this end and trim off excess Mesh.

## Now attached a Jump ring to 1 end and a clasp to the other.

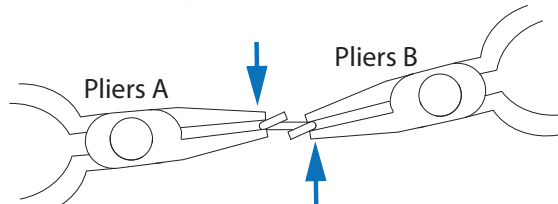
**A.** Hold Jump ring with 2 pairs of pliers.



**B.** Gently push the Jump ring apart, moving Pliers A away from you and the Pliers B towards you.



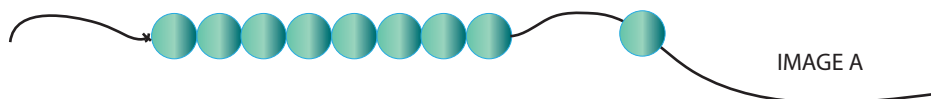
**C.** Attach the ring to your piece of Jewellery, then holding the pliers in the same position, reverse the action in B., pulling pliers A towards you and pushing pliers B away.



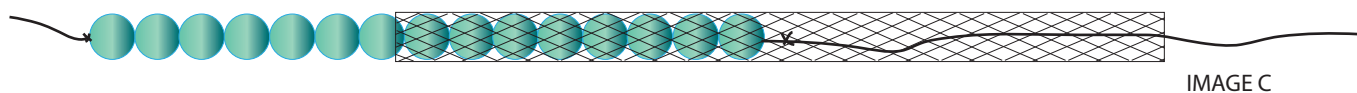
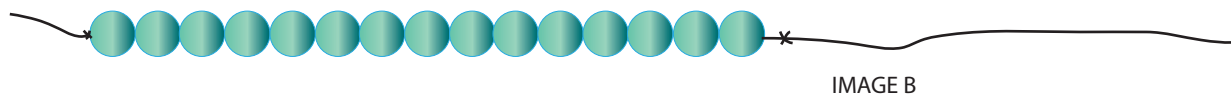
**Quick tip:** When closing your Jump ring, push the ends just past each other and then pull them back in line to ensure a tight, neat closure.

## Filling your Mesh with Large Beads

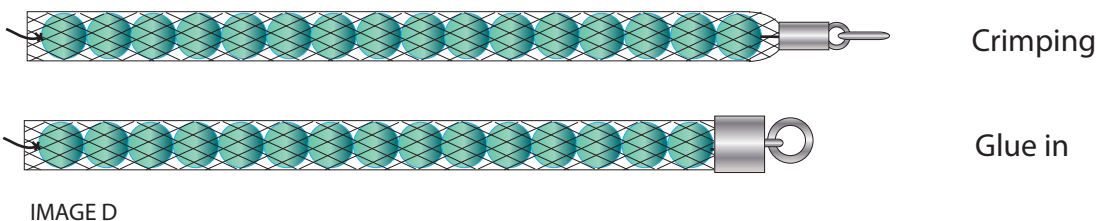
**Step 1.** Take a length of thread, approx 60cm long - knot 1 end of the thread and start to string your beads onto it, thread enough for the complete length of your tube Mesh. (Image A) The thread needs to be longer than you need, but this longer length helps you to pull your string of beads through the Mesh. Also, the string is not to hold your bracelet, it is only to keep all your beads in a row and the right way up.



**Step 2.** Tie the thread at the other end, but remembering to leave a small gap so the string of beads is not ridged. (Image B) Take the long end of thread and pass it through the Mesh, pull the string of beads gently through. (Image C)

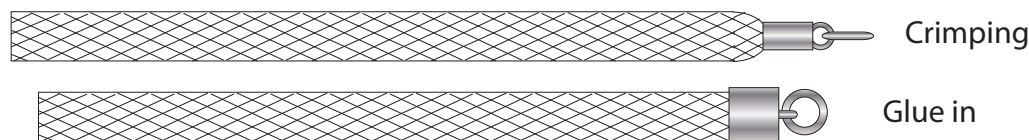


**Step 3.** Once all the beads are inside the Mesh, decide which finishing method you would like to use - Crimping or Glue-In (Image D) and follow the instructions on the other pages to complete your bracelet.

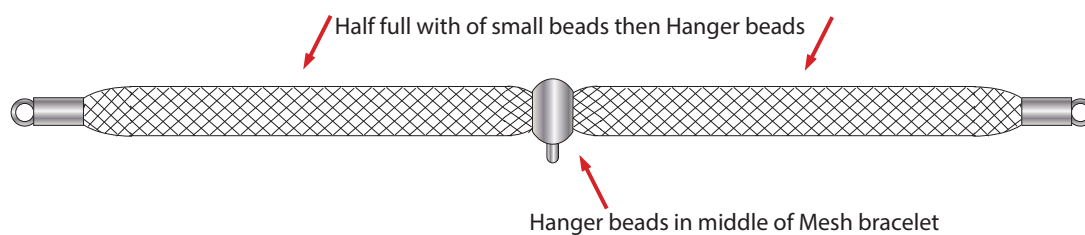


## Filling your Mesh with Small Beads and a Hanger bead or Large hole beads

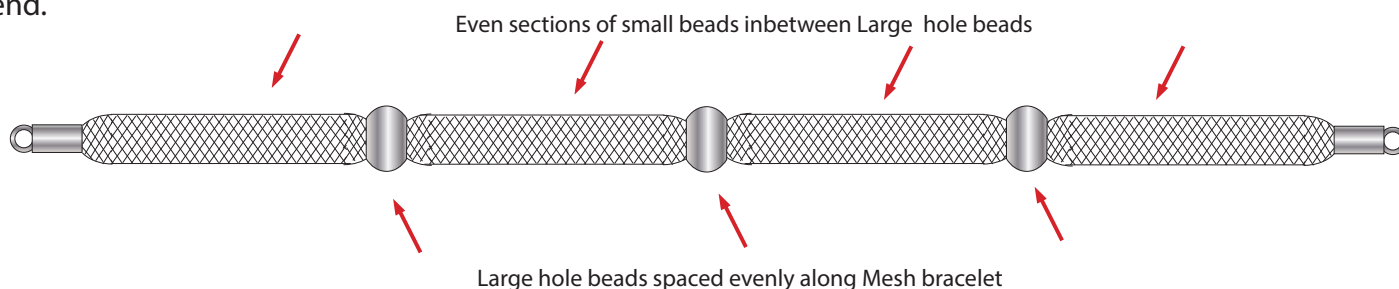
**Step 1.** Decide which finishing method you would like to use - Crimping or Glue-In and follow the instructions on the other pages to complete 1 end of your bracelet. (Image E)



**Step 2.** If you are using a single Hanger beads, then fill your Mesh half full with small beads, thread on your Hanger bead and continue to fill your Mesh to the desired length and finish other end of the Mesh.



If you are going to use more than 1 large bead then you will need to work out the length of each section of small beads and when you need to thread on your large hole beads - complete to your desired length and finish end.



If you have a charm or pendant, then why not use a Hanger bead in the middle of your Mesh bracelet and attached the charm with a jump ring to your hanger bead.

## Multi Strand Mesh

With the multi strand version, you can either try plaiting your bead filled Mesh or leave them loose. If you are making a necklace version, look at creating your bead filled Mesh tubes at 3 different lengths.

### How to make a Bracelet

**Step 1.** Take 3 lengths of Mesh, approx 30cm long, tie all 3 pieces together at end with a piece of cord or thread, making sure the mesh at the end is completely closed. Add a dab of glue around the knot, then when the glue is dry, trim the excess cord and mesh. (Image A)

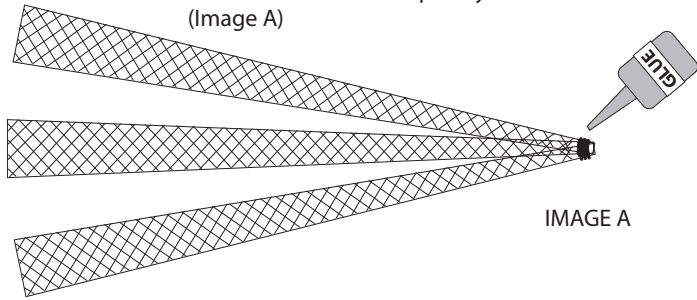


IMAGE A

**Step 2.** Take 1 side of your Glue-in clasp and add some glue to the inside of the cap. Take your tied end of Mesh and push it into the cap, allow to dry. Top Tip - Push a bit more Mesh into the cap, so that there are no gaps around the top edge of the cap. (Image B)

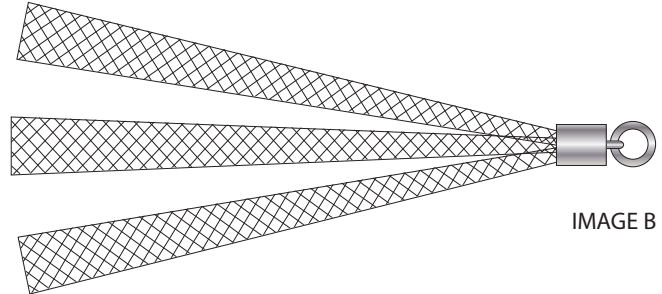


IMAGE B

**Step 3.** Now fill each of your Mesh tubes with seed beads. The amount of seed beads depends on how long you require your bracelet to be, but it is better to work with a longer piece of Mesh as you can trim them to size at the end when you are tying them together.

**Step 4.** Once each Mesh tube is full, tie each Mesh tube individually to seal off this end. Now plait your Mesh tubes together, join all 3 ends and wrap with thread to secure your plait. If you are leaving your Mesh tubes un-plaited, still seal off each tube and then join together. Trim off excess Mesh and then glue the other end of your clasp onto the end of your mesh. Allow to dry. If you are plaiting is too long then tie the 3 Mesh tubes together further up and trim ends off.

### Mesh with Rubber Tube

To use create Mesh filled with rubber tubing, you need the skinny Mesh

**Step 1** - For a standard size bracelet - 19.5cm long, cut a length of 25cm of Mesh and 25cm of Rubber tube. Start by pushing the rubber tube into the mesh until the tube is completely inside the mesh. ( Image A )

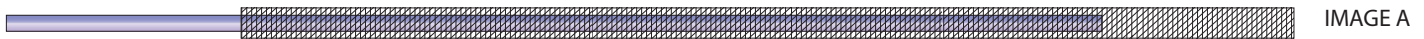


IMAGE A

**Step 2** - Now take some thread and tie onto 1 end of the rubber tube and mesh, as close to the end as possible. This is to keep the tube and mesh together. ( Image B1 )

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Trim excess tube and mesh. (Image B2)

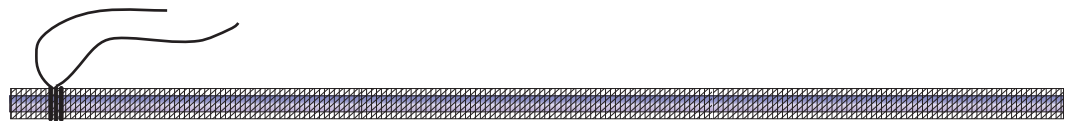


IMAGE B1

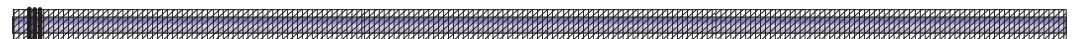


IMAGE B2

**Step 3** - To make sure your mesh is tightly around the rubber tube, pull the mesh at the open end so it stretches around the tube and then tie the mesh and tube with thread, approx 5mm less then your desired length. ( Image C ) Then trim close to your tied section. ( Image D )



IMAGE C

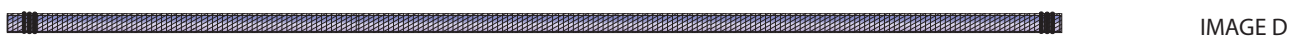


IMAGE D

**Step 4** - Take your 1 side of magnetic clasp and and glue onto 1 end of your Mesh/rubber tube, (Image E1) then repeat on the other side. ( Image E2)

IMAGE E1

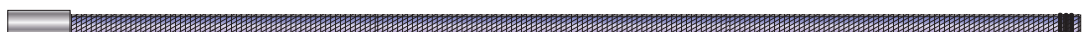


IMAGE E2

