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Beading Lesson – Using Adhesive Bails

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Bails are special findings that create attachment points for pendants and other dangles. Glue-on bails commonly have a loop at the top and a large, flat surface below the loop. The flat surface provides a place to glue-on a flat back crystal or gemstone cabochon. Look for bails that have grooves in the metal to help with adhesion.

Glue-on bails can be used on any flat stone, pendant or other object. Use small bails for earrings or small dangles and large ones for pendants. Pay special attention to the direction the loop is facing.

Use beading glue; industrial strength glue; or heavy-duty, double-sided adhesive to attach the bails to the dangles or pendants. If you're using BeadFix™ Adhesive Squares, peel off the backing paper and position the bail on the sticky surface. Carefully trim off any excess, then stick the bail onto any flat surface. Allow 24 hours for maximum adhesion.



Use Bail from either side, left bail is centered over attached disc, right bail is flush with back of crystal.

You can position the bail so the loop extends from the top of the pendant, or you can slide it down so the loop is hidden behind the pendant.

You can use a variety of methods to attach the bails to your jewelry creations. If you're using a small bail with a forward-facing loop, you can either connect it directly to an ear wire or attach a fancy bail, beaded eye pin, or jump ring to hang it from a necklace. If you're using a large bail with a side-facing loop, you can string it directly onto the necklace.

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