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Mark Nelson explains the process of gluing in grommets.

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Gluing Grommets into Beads

Why Use Grommets?

- Grommets are a great way to finish beads without having to flare tubing for bead liners, running the risk of beads breaking due to pressure from the flaring process.
- Glued in place, the grommet is structurally strong enough for jewelry and can be removed if necessary by pushing it outward from the back.
- Grommets are ideal for surfaces that are angled, making it difficult to use a press or mallet to place a liner.
- Grommets are easier to use on smaller beads with smaller holes.
- Grommets prevent rough edges of stone or glass from serrating or snagging the stringing material.



Steps:

1. Choose a grommet based on the size of the hole rather than on the size of the cord or stringing material you will be using.
2. Mix the Loctite® Hysol® E-30CL epoxy for the recommended amount of time, and apply it around the rim of the bead hole. Put some in the hole too, using a toothpick or a broken saw blade.
3. Place the grommet into the bead hole and give it a very slight twist to evenly distribute the epoxy.
4. If some of the glue oozes out the edges of the grommet, allow it to dry. Once the epoxy cures and hardens, you can trim away the excess with a craft knife. Do not try to clean off wet epoxy; it will smear across the glass surface and be much more difficult to remove.

⚠ CAUTION! Always wear eye protection and ensure that you have adequate ventilation when performing these processes.

Supplies:

Order #	Description
627-721	Sterling bead grommet, 2mm OD, 1.7mm hole
627-722	Sterling bead grommet, 3mm OD, 2.7mm hole
627-723	Sterling bead grommet, 4mm OD, 3.7mm hole
627-724	Sterling bead grommet, 5mm OD, 4.7mm hole
075-831/14	Swarovski saucer briolette
076-019/131	Swarovski Pegasus link
201-054	Citation safety glasses
—	Loctite® Hysol® E-30CL two-part epoxy (tube)
—	Craft knife