

## Ending Technique: Bury a wire loop

*This ending technique works very well for a beaded necklace with focal when the braider starts in the center and braids towards each end.*

### Tools and Supplies:

1. Wire wrapped loop of 22 or 24 gauge wire with at least 4 inches of wire after loop.
2. Thread Zapper or scissors

### Step 1

Stop dropping beads when you have at least 3-4 beads remaining on each element. Slide your wire wrapped loop on to the last element where you dropped in a bead. **Do not tuck the wire wrapped loop under an element as you do with beads.** You want the loop to be inside the braid. See Figure 1.

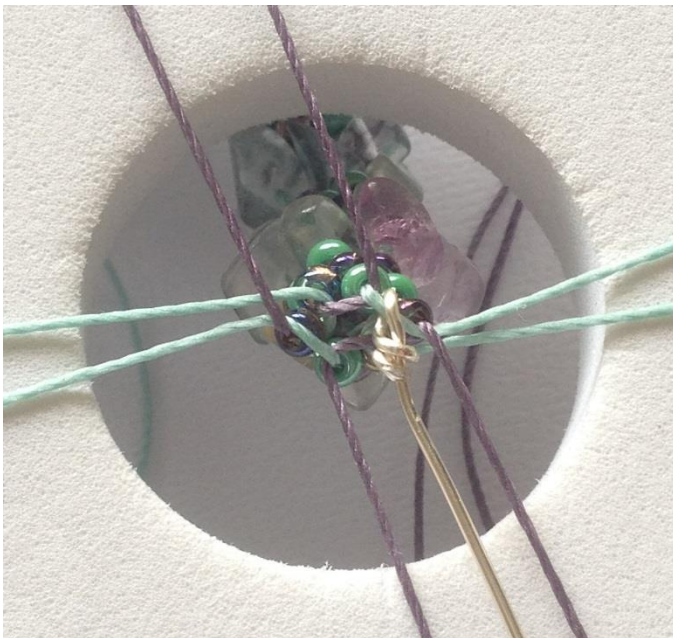


Figure 2



Figure 1

### Step 2

Drop the next two beads and tuck them under per the normal beaded braid technique. Bring the wire parallel to closest element as you tuck the bead. See Figure 2.

### Step 3

As you drop the next two beads pull the loop in to the middle of the braid. See Figures 3 and 4

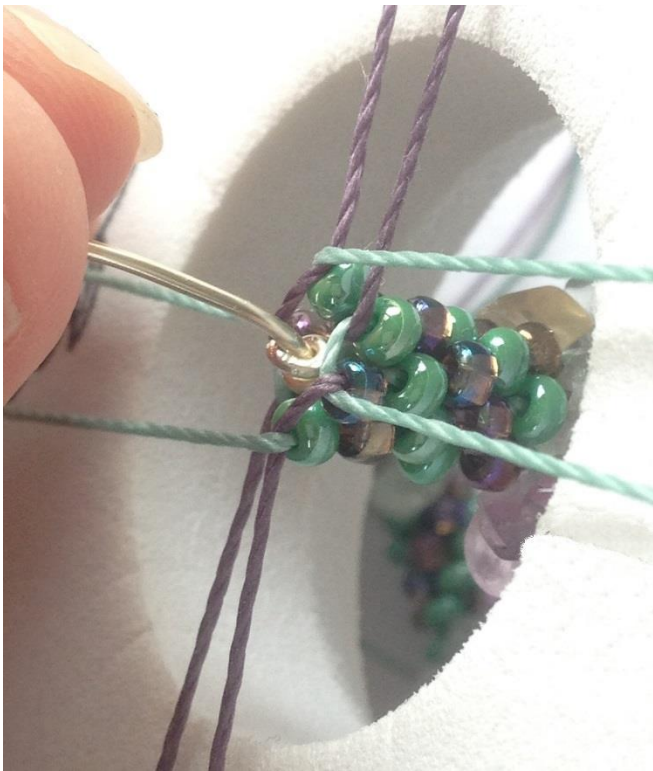


Figure 4

### Step 4

Continue dropping beads around the wire until you can no longer see the loop. See Figure 5.



Figure 3

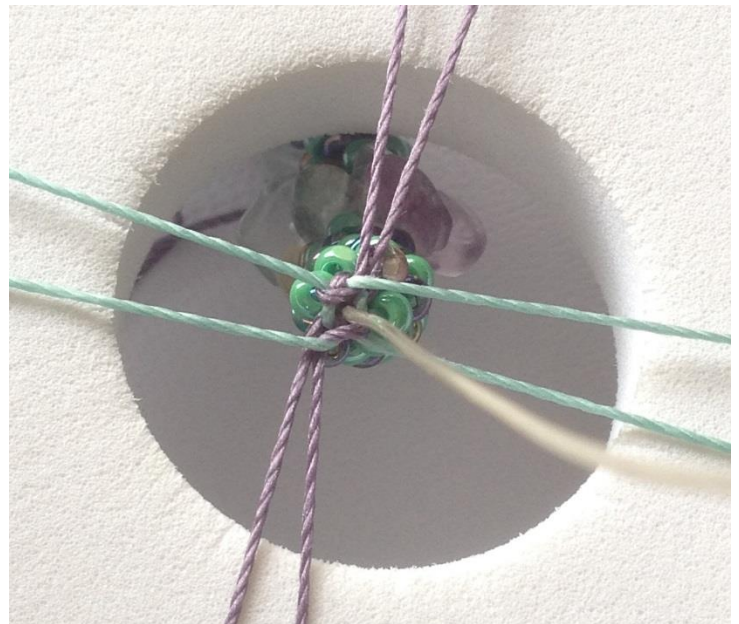


Figure 5

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### Step 5

Take the next two elements you would move and tie them using two over hand knots very tightly around the wire. Continue this with the remaining elements as you remove the braid from the disk. See Figures 6 and 7.

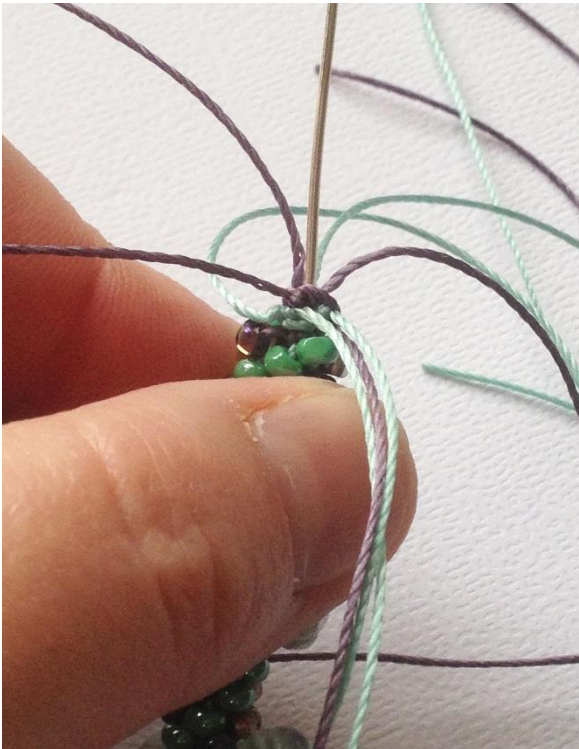


Figure 7

### Step 6

Secure the knots with a liberal amount of jewelry glue and allow to dry. See Figure 8.

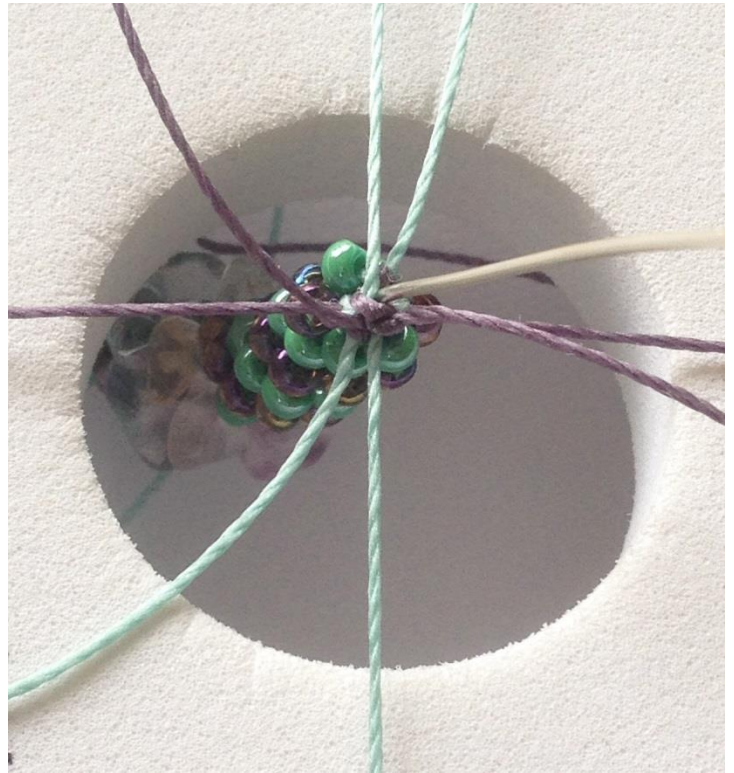


Figure 6



Figure 8

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### Step 7

Use a thread zapper (preferred method) or scissors to cut the leftover cord as close to the glued knots as possible. You now have a very secure and hidden wire ready for a cone ending of your choice! See Figures 9 and 10.



Figure 9



Figure 10

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