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Box Cap Stitch Ends!



An innovative finding from John Bead!

Meet the new box cap stitch ends for finishing beadwork! This finding was designed for finishing loom and square stitch pieces, but it will also work well for many other finishing needs in beading.

Create your beadwork design. Tie, stitch, crimp, or knot each end to the end bar and insert into the cap. Attach a jump ring and clasp to the loop and you're done! The first row of beadwork is covered up for a polished finish.

Two sizes to accommodate different widths of beadwork:

Size 11/0 Box Cap - Designed to fit 11/0 seed beads, both round and Delica Size 8/0 Box Cap - Designed to fit 8/0 seed beads.

This guide contains a few ideas for using the caps, with suggestions for attaching different stitches to the end-bar. Also view our video, linked here.

Testing for Fit - Loom, Square or Peyote

After selecting the beads to use, test your beads with the box cap to determine the width that will work with your bead type. To test it out, string the beads you plan to use on a needle. Settle them into the box cap. Look for a fit with some air. Remember that when stitched up, the beads will have thread in between them. This will widen the width just a bit.







Size 11/0, shown Delica

To test for fit with a right angle weave design, build the first rows of your stitching. Run a needle through your top beads. Test the width with your box cap.

To test for fit with brick stitch, or any stitches where the beads are worked with holes upward from the bar, simply begin stitching from the bar, as your anchor.

Loom, Square, Peyote, and Right Angle Weave

Complete your stitched design. Once complete, attach your finished edges to the end bars.

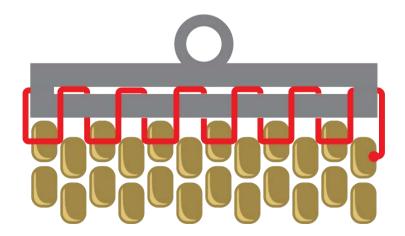
Loom / Square - Watch our Video

Weave in all but one strand on each end. Keep a longer strand on each end to complete the attachment to the end bar. Weave out from one bead, through the end bar, and through the next bead. Weave in at the end. Alternatively, if you dislike weaving in warp ends, you can tie the warp threads to the end bar. Place a dot of glue on the knots and trim the excess thread.



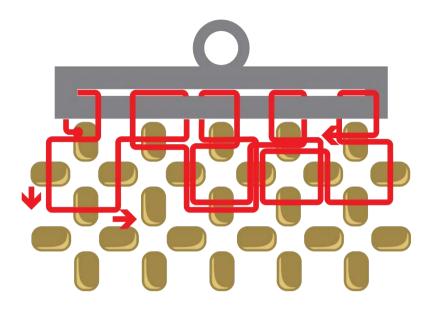
Peyote

To attach peyote stitch, stitch the up beads to the end bar.



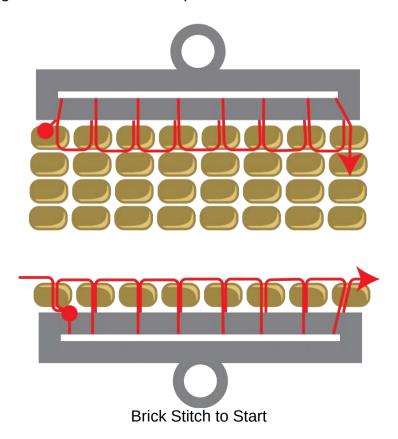
Right Angle Weave

Similar to how peyote is attached, stitch the up beads in your right angle weave design to the end bar.



Brick, Herringbone, Netting Stitches...

Other designs such as brick-stitch can be built directly onto the end bar, but to attach their closing ends, exit from one bead, go through the bar, then back through the bead. Turn through the next bead and repeat to the end.

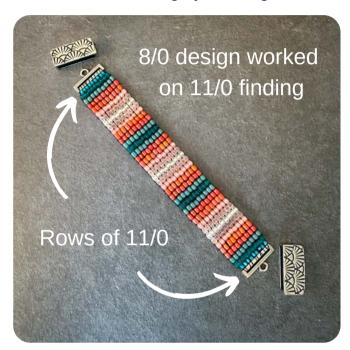


Finishing

For all types of designs, the fun part! The end bar fits into the box caps to hide the first row, giving your finished piece a polished look.

Tips:

Each finding states it is designed for either 11/0 or 8/0 sizes. This is more of a starting point. 11/0 seed beads will fit the 8/0 finding. 8/0 seed beads can be used with the 11/0 finding by creating a row of 11/0 as the starting and ending rows.





Loom with 8/0 on 11/0 Finding



Loom, 8/0 on 8/0 Finding



Peyote on 11/0 Finding