

HOW TO STIFFEN A WEAVING OF PEARLS?

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Whether it's weaving on a loom or weaving needle beads, you've probably wondered how to stiffen your weave? The flexibility of weaving can be interesting on a bracelet but Brick Stitch earrings that twist or badges that do not stay flat can be a real headache. We will give you here some tips to give more to your weaves.

1 - Does tightening your weave make it stiffer?

Yes, the more you weave tight and your weave will lose flexibility. This is especially true for weaving needle beads such as Peyote and Brick Stitch. On the other hand, if you want a very fluid Peyote bracelet, try to weave more loosely.

2 - Which thread to choose for a more rigid bead weaving?

The thread chosen also has a small influence on the rigidity of the weave, but especially when it is coupled with the way you tighten your weave. For a rigid Peyote and Brick Stitch weave choose slightly thicker or stiffer yarns such as silamide yarn or 0.10 or 0.12 mm nylon yarn.

For a soft weave choose Miyuki yarn, Ko, C-LON AA, Hana etc.

For weaving on a loom, you may decide to put a thicker yarn on the two outer warp threads. For example, use a 1mm leather cord, C-LON Beading Cord or C-LON tex 400. This will give the bracelet a slightly stiffer curvature. A good example is our tutorial on how to weave a Miyuki wrap on a loom: Miyuki Delicas Bead Two Wrap Bracelet



3 - Which varnish to use to stiffen the weave?

For even more rigidity, especially for Miyuki pearl pins, you can use nail polish. For example the glue-glue Deco Patch, but other Deco Patch are also usable. However, it is advisable to put only the non-visible side of the weaving because the varnishes will change the appearance of pearls. Especially the hypoallergenic Deco Patch Varnish will create as a semi-opaque film over the pearls and the glossy polish will make the matte pearls shiny. Remember to choose your polish according to the chosen pearl finish.

These glue-varnishes stiffen the weave while maintaining a very slight flexibility. If you want an absolutely rigid weave, you can use Diamond Glaze varnish but know that your weave will become brittle then.

The Deco Patch is perfect for slightly stiffening the circular Peyote bracelets. Apply one to two layers inside the bracelet and allow to dry.

Note: How to protect the color of its beads Miyuki? Some weavers also use nail polish to protect the colors of their pearls from deteriorating. It works but the glue-varnish changes the appearance of pearls as they are either glossy, matte or semi-matte. The ideal is to choose Miyuki duracoat beads for the galvanized beads. Indeed, the duracoat are pearls with an industrial varnish pre-affixed by the company Miyuki directly.

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