## Basic Technique





## Bijou Tassels

Embroidery floss is the key component in making these chic tassels. Ideal for hand crafted jewelry they add colour and texture to any beaded bauble you whip up.

What's Needed:

Embroidery Floss (select colour)- DMC

Fabric Fusion (Easy Application Pen)- Aleene's

Fabric Scissors- Fiskars

Jump Rings (6mm)

Cardboard

2 Toothpicks and Tape

## Design Notes:



Floss tassels are an excellent addition to hand crafted beaded jewelry. It's amazing how many different designs can be created using these cute tassels.

In this instructional PDF, we show you how to make a petite tassel using a jump ring, 1 ¼ yards of floss and a 2¾" cardboard tassel maker. Although our method is simply, it is a building block to making other tassels. Simply increase the size of jump ring, tassel maker and amount of floss strands to make larger tassels.

## How To Make A Bijou Tassel:





















- 1- To make the tassel maker, measure and mark a  $2\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $3\frac{3}{4}$ " rectangle on the cardboard. Cut cardboard rectangle out.
- 2- Place tassel maker, floss, jump rings and scissors on a flat work surface.
- 3- Pull the loose end of floss from the skein. Carefully release about a yard of floss. Note: *if you slide the two wrappers to the center and hold the floss releases with ease.*
- 4- Begin wrapping the floss around the 23/4" side of the cardboard.
- 5- Wrap the floss around the cardboard 15 times. Cut the excess floss off. Slide floss bundle off cardboard.
- 6- Keep folds in the floss created by wrapping it around the cardboard's ends.
- 7- To make the tassels body, cut each side of the floss loop. Use the creases created by the cardboard ends as a guide. Stack the two bundles together.
- 8- Thread the bundle of floss through the jump ring. Note- twisting one end of the floss together will help.
- 9- Center the bundle of floss on the ring. Pull the bundle taunt by the bottom to tighten the strands. Double wrap a 3" piece of floss around the top of the bundle.
- 10- Tightly double knot the floss ends together to secure. Pull ends down so they become part of the tassel.





11- To ensure knot will remain secure use an adhesive.

12- Place a drop of adhesive on top and sides of the knot. Let dry.





13- To make a tassel comb take two toothpicks and place each on a piece of clear tape leaving a small space between them.

14- Fold one end of the tape over then the other to hold the toothpicks together while still being slightly





15- To create a fuller tassel, separate the strands of floss by combing the tassel body with the toothpick tool.

16- Feathering out the floss will help the tool separate all the strands.





17- Holding the ring, lightly pull the tassel strands together. Trim the bottom of the floss to create an even end.

18- Tassel is finished and ready to be incorporated into a jewelry piece.





19, 20- String tassels onto a floss and bead necklace or add to a clasp for a touch of whimsy.

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