



# Smithsonian Associates

## **Bead Weaving: On and Off the Loom**

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I'm so looking forward to meeting you in the Bead Weaving class. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding this list.

Although all these links are to Beadaholique, I have no affiliation with this company (I would trust them as a vendor however). The links are meant to illustrate items that may be unfamiliar to you. I always recommend that you take this list to your local bead shop if you have one. Not only are you supporting a small business, but the staff there can help you find exactly what you need.

### **Tools and Supplies needed for the class:**

#### **Tools:**

- **Bead weaving loom** – there are lots of looms out there at a lot of different prices. Even a simple/inexpensive loom can make beautiful projects. Please purchase something similar to this style loom (also available at Michael's)
  - <https://beadaholique.com/products/beadsmith-bead-loom-kit-for-beginners-weave-necklaces-bracelets-and-more>
- **English Bead weaving needles (size 12)**
  - <https://beadaholique.com/products/beadsmith-english-beading-needles-size-12-4-needles>
- **Sharp scissors**
- **A ruler**
- **1 roll of 1" blue painter's tape**
- **Really good lighting**
- **Reading glasses, a magnifier visor or other magnifying aid**
- **bead pad (optional but highly recommended)**
  - <https://beadaholique.com/collections/jewelry-making-tools/products/beadalon-beading-mats-prevent-bead-rolling-12-x-9-inch-set-of-3>
- **bead sorting tray (optional)**
  - <https://beadaholique.com/collections/jewelry-making-tools/products/ceramic-bead-tray-round-38mm-with-six-sections-1-tray-white>

#### **Findings:**

In the case of bead weaving, "findings" would be the clasps that finish your project. There are MANY different ways to finish bead weaving, both with and without metal clasps. I include this link to show

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you one example of a metal clasp, but I would recommend holding off on purchasing one until after class. I'll show you how to finish a piece with a beaded clasp, so you may not need a metal one at all.

### Example of a metal finding for Bead Weaving:

- <https://beadaholique.com/products/slide-tube-clasps-with-bar-loops-26-5x10-5mm-2-sets-silver-plated>

### Beads & String:

There are many kinds of seed bead shapes and sizes. In this class we will be using either **Delicas** or **Japanese Round** seed beads in **Size 11/0** (Czech seed beads will work too but are a bit more finicky). I recommend having **7-10g of 5 different colors**.

- **Delica Example:**
  - <https://beadaholique.com/collections/seed-beads/products/miyuki-delica-seed-beads-11-0-size-7-2-gram-tube-2292-frost-opaque-glaze-grape>
- **Japanese Round Example:**
  - <https://beadaholique.com/collections/seed-beads/products/toho-seed-beads-round-11-0-369-black-diamond-orange-creme-lined-8-grams>
- **Czech Seed Bead Example**
  - <https://beadaholique.com/collections/seed-beads/products/czech-glass-seed-beads-11-0-round-1-hank-saharan-sands-cream-tan-mix>

For the stringing material I recommend Fireline, but you can use a Nymo Cotton thread as well

- **Fireline 4lb test (smoke or crystal):**
  - <https://beadaholique.com/products/fireline-braided-beading-thread-4lb-test-and-0-005-thick-15-yards-smoke-gray>
- **Nymo B (I would choose a light or neutral color):**
  - <https://beadaholique.com/products/nymo-nylon-beading-thread-size-b-for-delicas-64-yard-58-meter-spool-white>
- **Beeswax** – the Nymo in the link above is pre-waxed. If you purchase an unwaxed thread I'd recommend also purchasing beeswax, which helps keep the thread from tangling.
  - <https://beadaholique.com/products/1-ounce-bar-beeswax-thread-strengthening-conditioner-for-beads-quilting-crafting>