

Mesh Jewellery

Working with Mesh

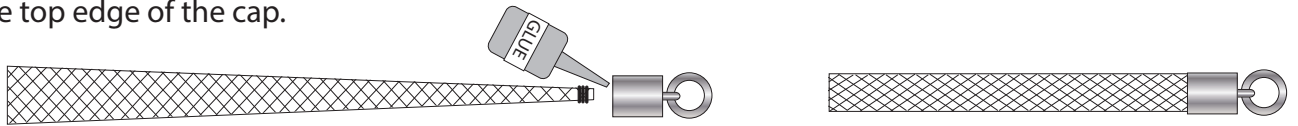
Before you start - You can't measure the Mesh when it is empty as it is very stretchy and won't give you the right measurement. Once you fill the Mesh with beads or crystals, it will become solid and will not stretch. It is better to work with a longer piece of Mesh as you can trim it to size when you are tying the other end.

How to finish Mesh with Glue-in Clasp

Step 1. Take a length of Mesh, approx 25cm long, tie a knot in 1 end with a piece of cord or thread, making sure the mesh at the end is completely closed. Add a dab of glue around the knot, then when the glue is dry, trim the excess cord and mesh. If you need to you can always wind more thread at the end to have a snug fit for the clasp.



Step 2. Take 1 side of your Glue-in clasp and add some glue to the inside of the cap. Take your tied end of Mesh and push it into the cap, allow to dry. Top Tip - Push a bit more Mesh into the cap, so that there are no gaps around the top edge of the cap.

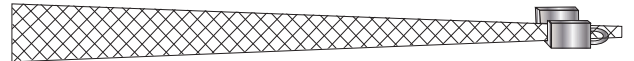


Step 3. Now fill your Mesh tube with seed beads or resin crystals or any small material you have. The amount of beads/resin/small material depends on how long you require your bracelet to be.

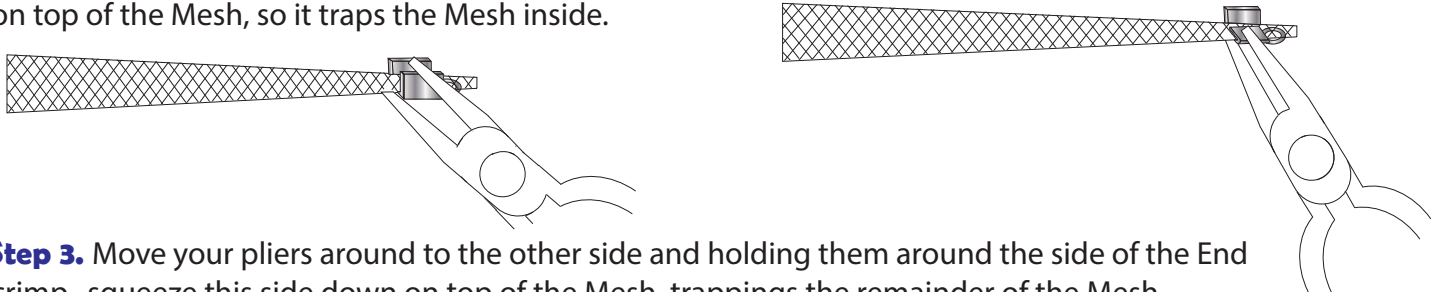
Step 4. Once the Mesh tube is full, repeat steps 1 and 2 to seal off this end, trim off excess Mesh and then glue the other end of your clasp onto the end of your mesh. Allow to dry.

How to finish Mesh with Crimp ends

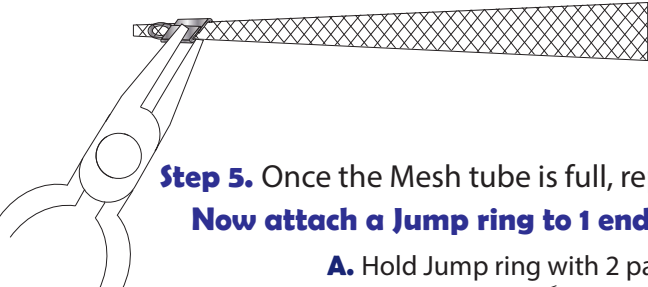
Step 1. Take a length of Mesh and an End Crimp, gather the end of your Mesh altogether and place it into the open Crimp end.



Step 2. Now, take your pliers and holding them around the side of the End crimp, squeeze this side down on top of the Mesh, so it traps the Mesh inside.



Step 3. Move your pliers around to the other side and holding them around the side of the End crimp, squeeze this side down on top of the Mesh, trapping the remainder of the Mesh inside. Trim off excess Mesh.

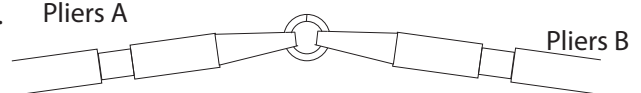


Step 4. Now fill your Mesh tube with seed beads or resin crystal or any small material. The amount of beads/crystal/small material depends on how long you require your bracelet to be.

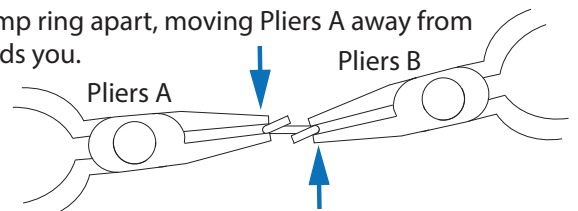
Step 5. Once the Mesh tube is full, repeat steps 2 and 3 to seal off this end and trim off excess Mesh.

Now attach a Jump ring to 1 end and a clasp to the other.

A. Hold Jump ring with 2 pairs of pliers. Pliers A



B. Gently push the Jump ring apart, moving Pliers A away from you and Pliers B towards you.



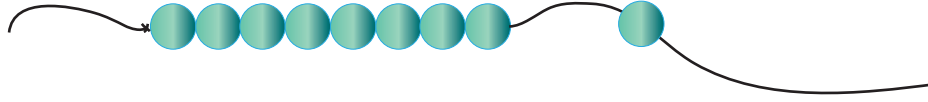
C. Attach the ring to your piece of Jewellery, then holding the pliers in the same position, reverse the action in B, pulling pliers A towards you and pushing pliers B away.

Quick tip: When closing your Jump ring, push the ends just passed each other and then pull them back in line to ensure a tight, neat closure.

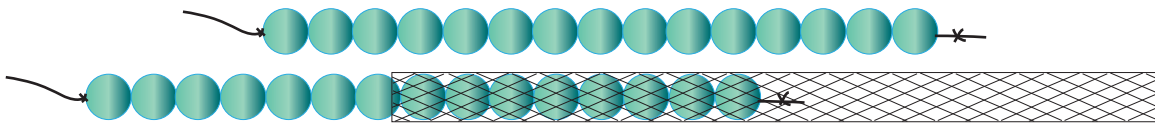
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Filling your Mesh with Large Beads

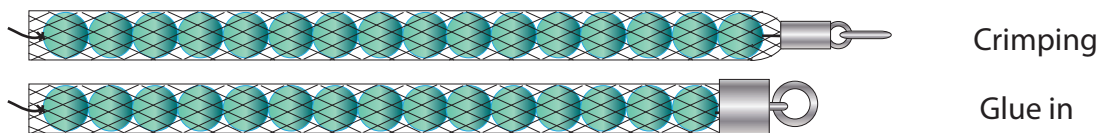
Step 1. Take a length of thread, tigertail or any kind of stringing material, approx 60cm long - knot 1 end of the thread and start to string your beads onto it, thread enough for the complete length of your tube Mesh. The string is not to hold your bracelet, it is only to keep all your beads in a row and the right way up. Put a knot or crimp bead at each end, but leave a few millimetres gap so the beads can move around a little.



Step 2. Trim the ends down and push beads into the mesh. Here you need to use little movements, push from one side and release on the other side thread. It is a bit like when you are gathering up a curtain, step by step and move along.

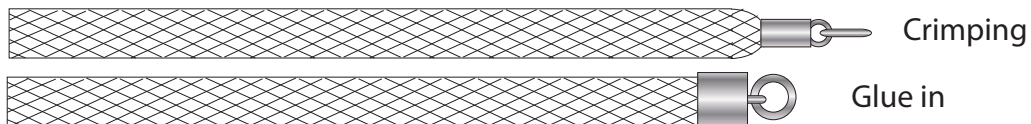


Step 3. Once all the beads are inside the Mesh, decide which finishing method you would like to use - Crimping or Glue-In and follow the instructions on the other pages to complete your bracelet. If you choose the crimping, try to catch the knots in the crimp for a neater finish.

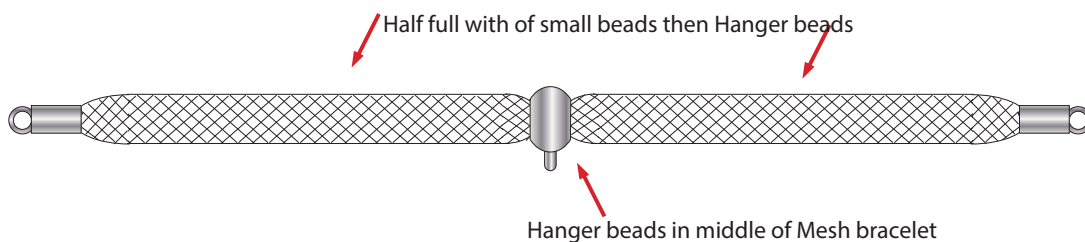


Filling your Mesh with Small Beads and a Hanger bead or Large hole beads

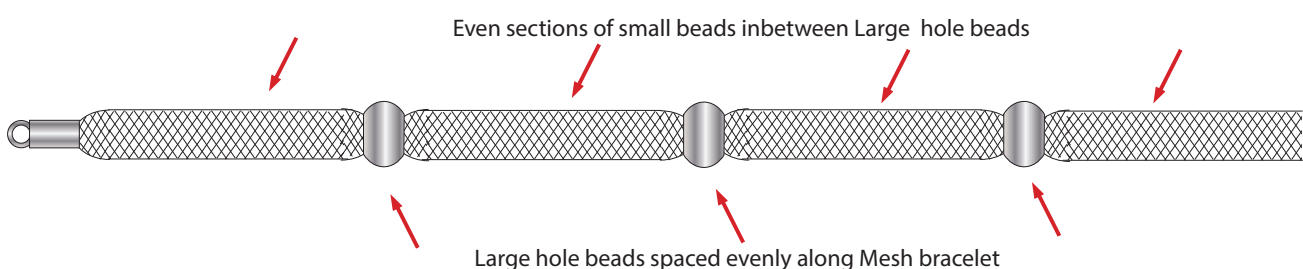
Step 1. Decide which finishing method you would like to use - Crimping or Glue-In and follow the instructions on the other pages to complete 1 end of your bracelet.



Step 2. If you are using a single Hanger beads, then fill your Mesh half full with small beads, thread on your Hanger bead and continue to fill your Mesh to the desired length and finish the other end of the Mesh.



If you are going to use more than 1 large bead then you will need to work out the length of each section of small beads and when you need to thread on your large hole beads - complete to your desired length and finish the end. To measure your beads you can use scales, any small measuring spoon or even a bottle top.



If you have a charm or pendant, then why not use a Hanger bead in the middle of your Mesh bracelet and attach the charm with a jump ring to your hanger bead.

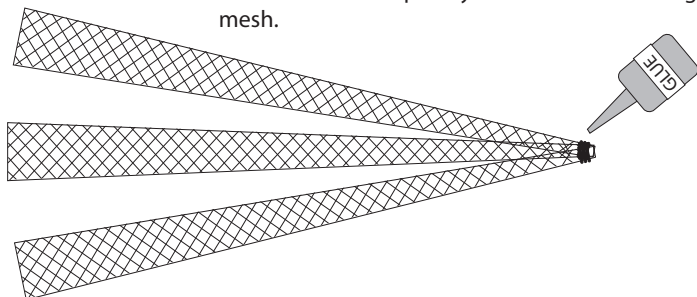
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Multi strand Mesh

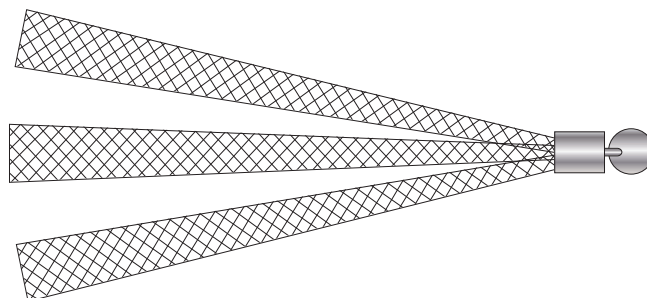
With the multi strand version, you can either try plaiting your bead filled Mesh or leave them loose. If you are making a necklace version, look at creating your bead filled Mesh tubes at 3 different lengths.

How to make a Bracelet

Step 1. Take 3 lengths of Mesh, approx 30cm long, tie all 3 pieces together at end with a piece of cord or thread, making sure the mesh at the end is completely closed. Add a dab of glue around the knot, then when the glue is dry, trim the excess cord and mesh.



Step 2. Take 1 side of your Glue-in clasp and add some glue to the inside of the cap. Take your tied end of Mesh and push it into the cap, allow to dry. Top Tip - Push a bit more Mesh into the cap, so that there are no gaps around the top edge of the cap.



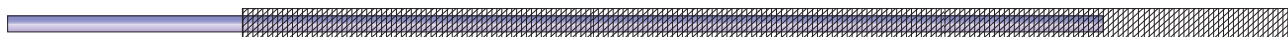
Step 3. Now fill each of your Mesh tubes with seed beads or any material you wish to use. The amount of seed beads depends on how long you require your bracelet to be, but it is better to work with a longer piece of Mesh as you can trim them to size at the end when you are tying them together.

Step 4. Once each Mesh tube is full, tie each Mesh tube individually to seal off this end. Now plait your Mesh tubes together, join all 3 ends and wrap with thread to secure your plait. If you are leaving your Mesh tubes un-plaited, still seal off each tube and then join together. Trim off excess Mesh and then glue the other end of your clasp onto the end of your mesh. Allow to dry. If your plaiting is too long then tie the 3 Mesh tubes together further up and trim ends off.

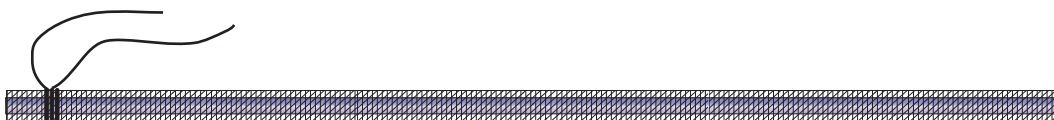
Mesh with Rubber Tube

To create Mesh filled with rubber tubing, you need the skinny Mesh

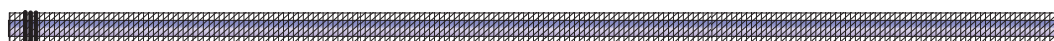
Step 1 - For a standard size bracelet - 19.5cm long, cut a length of 25cm of Mesh and 25cm of Rubber tube. Start by pushing the rubber tube into the mesh until the tube is completely inside the mesh.



Step 2 - Now take some thread and tie onto 1 end of the rubber tube and mesh, as close to the end as possible. This is to keep the tube and mesh together.



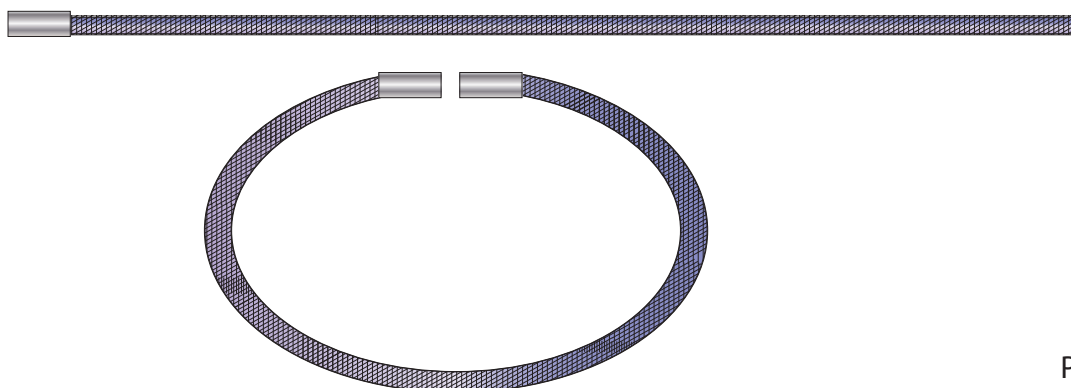
Trim excess tube and mesh.



Step 3 - To make sure your mesh is tightly around the rubber tube, pull the mesh at the open end so it stretches around the tube and then tie the mesh and tube with thread, approx 5mm less then your desired length. Then trim close to your tied section.



Step 4 - Take your 1 side of magnetic clasp and and glue onto 1 end of your Mesh/rubber tube. Then repeat on the other side.

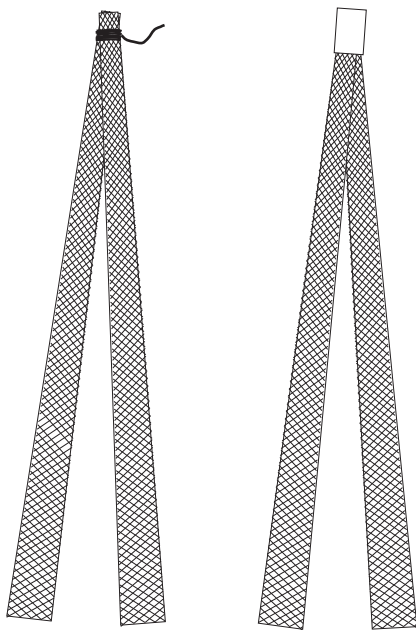


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Twisted Necklace or Beads

For a Necklace you will need approx 140cm of Mesh - For a Bracelet you will need approx 60cm of Mesh

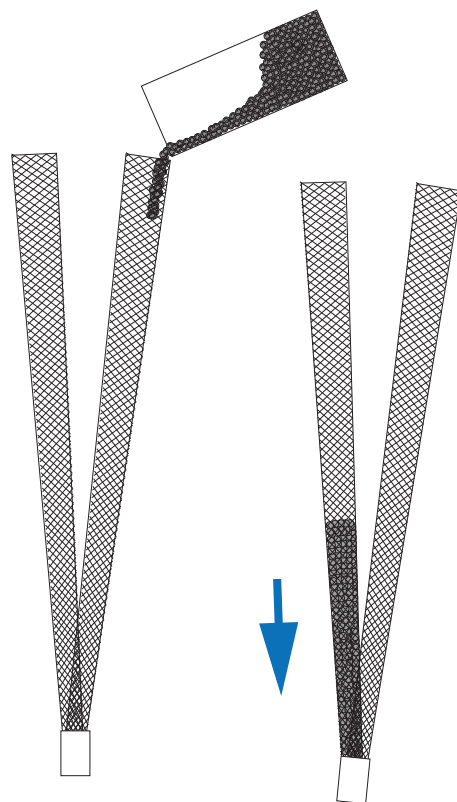
Step 1 - Take the complete length of mesh and fold it in half, then approx. 6mm from the end start wrapping it tightly with a piece of thread. You need to wrap the thread until you have enough on top of the mesh so it fits comfortably in the clasp, but you cannot wiggle it around in there to create a good seal at the end. Secure thread with a knot and trim excess.



Step 2 - Take 1 half of the magnetic clasp and apply some glue into the end, then push your thread mesh end into the clasp. You need to make sure you push the mesh firmly into the clasp and that all your threaded area is covered by clasp. Leave to dry.

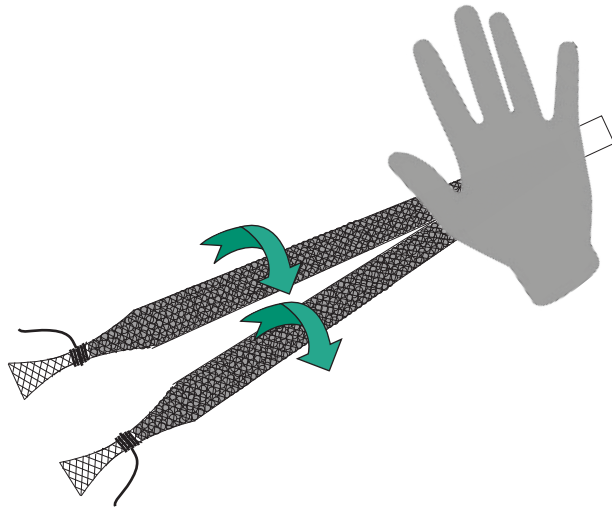
Step 3 - Now, with your open ended pieces of mesh, pour crystals into the tubes. It might be useful to use a teaspoon to help the crystals into the mesh. You need to ensure that the crystals are right down at the bottom of the tube near the clasp, but not too full that the crystals start to push out of the mesh. Sometimes it helps to push the mesh downwards slightly from the open end to the clasp, this will help the crystals to move down easier.

Step 4 - Fill to nearly the top and make sure your crystals are even in the tube and move down as far as they can. Temporarily secure the top by wrapping thread around the end. Again, try to secure close to the top of the crystals to ensure you have a fully filled tube. Repeat with the other tube, fill with crystals in the same way.



Step 5 - There are 2 ways you can twist your mesh tubes - The Rolling method and The Hand Twist method. The rolling method is a bit harder but you will get a more even twist. If you cannot do it, don't worry just move onto the hand twist method.

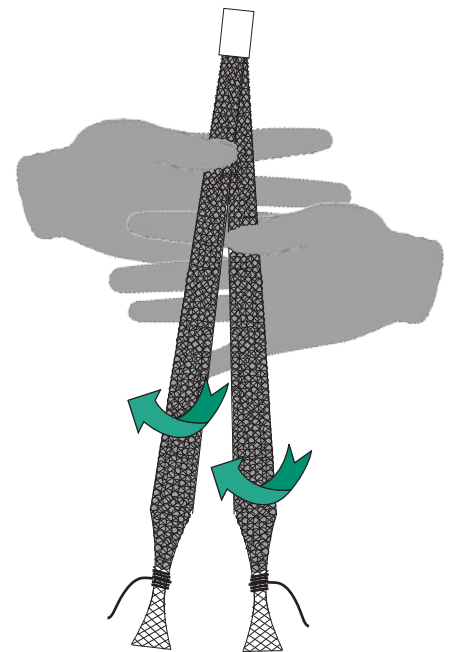
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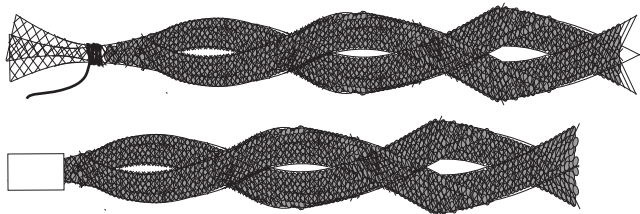
For the Rolling method - You need to have a firm, textured surface to roll your mesh on, like a carpet or any surface where the mesh doesn't slip. Lay your necklace on the surface with your hand resting on top of the mesh just under the clasp. Gently roll the clasp end towards you twisting both tubes as you go. The tubes should twist themselves together automatically, you need to move your hand towards the other end as you twist and let the mesh freely roll around. The twist will appear on the clasp end of the tubes and as you twist more and move down with your hand, it will eventually go along the whole length. Don't forget you will need slow and small movements. You might need to stop and reset your hand from time to time, when this occurs put your other hand on top of the already twisted part to stop it unravelling.

For the Hand method -

You need to hold a crystal filled tube in your fingers of each hand, close to the clasp end. Now, roll the mesh tubes, both in the same direction, and you will see that the 2 tubes twist themselves together. Make sure you are getting a tight, even twist. If it is not twisting correctly, then just un-do and try again. It is worth taking some time to get the twist looking good.



Step 6 - Now you need to check the length of your necklace. Remember, as the mesh is thick, you will need a slightly longer length to go around your neck than you would for your standard length. As a rule, make it 10% longer than you would normally. Measure your desired length with a ruler, starting at the clasp end, pinch the twist at the desired length and cut the mesh about 1.5cm from your length, then pour out any excess crystals. Now, join the 2 tubes together and start wrapping thread around the end. You need to wrap the thread until you have enough on top of the mesh so it fits into the clasp comfortably, but you cannot wiggle it around in there to create a good seal at the end.



Step 7 - Trim the ends of the mesh close to your threaded section, then take the other side of the clasp, apply some glue and push the mesh end into the clasp. Make sure you push the end firmly into the clasp and all the thread wrapping is covered. Leave to dry completely.

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