



How to Use
Starman
FinialTM
Beads

A Guide to Working with
Half-Drilled Beads



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The Starman Finial™

The Finial™ is a Czech glass bead with a hole that extends halfway through to accommodate wire ends and more. Finials are available in over 50 colors featuring matte, metallic suede, luster, and other attractive finishes.

“ *Make pieces look more finished with the addition of a Finial, versus a plain metal head pin or eye pin.*”

—TrendSetter Abigail Myer



WIREWORRING USES

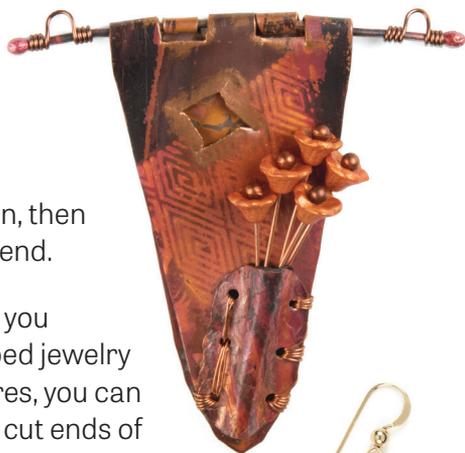
Choosing gauge: Use Finials with wire gauges 20–24.

Head pins: To create a custom head pin that perfectly matches the other beads in your project, simply adhere a Finial to the end of a short wire. Allow the adhesive to fully cure before adding more beads to your head pin. Complete your dangle with a simple or wrapped loop.

Eye pins: Are you looking to save time when making dangles, or are you not a wireworker? Instead of creating your own simple loops when making head pins as above, start with eye pins to make custom beaded dangles. Quickly add your favorite beads to an eye pin, then adhere a Finial to cap the end.

Wire wrapping: Whether you create ornate wire-wrapped jewelry or elaborate wire sculptures, you can conceal and decorate the cut ends of your wire with Finials. For a soldered look, choose a Finial color that matches your wire. For a bold statement, choose a Finial color that contrasts your wire. Use non-coated wire, unless you're confident the wire's coating won't become loose.

*Top: TrendSetter **Penny Dixon** capped the ends of custom dangles with Finials (see more on page 4); Middle: TrendSetter **Thomasin Alyxander** added a finishing flair to a metalwork pendant using Finials; Bottom: TrendSetter **Thomasin Alyxander** created a fun earring design by securing Finial-tipped wires to filigree bases using epoxy clay.*



Can you spot the Finials?

Starman TrendSetter **Penny Dixon** polished off the look of her wirework earrings by adding gold Finial beads to the ends of sculpted gold wires.

She also used them to create custom, matching dangles to hang at the bottom of each earring.



“
Finials offer a
great alternative
to soldering.”

—TrendSetter Kelly Wiese

Memory wire: Finials also work great to give the ends of memory wire projects a clean, professional look.

Bead stringing wire: Decorate the ends of nylon-coated bead-stringing wire with Finials. Size .019" and .018" wire without a glossy finish works well.

OTHER USES

Finish off fiber projects with a polished look by attaching Finials to the ends of kumihimo and micro-macramé cords. Use quick-drying adhesive so that you can hold both the Finial and the cord end while it sets.

Top: TrendSetter **Eva Rushton** used Finial beads to finish the ends of a memory wire cuff made with color-matched Czech glass beads.
Bottom: TrendSetter **Akiko Nomura** made a pair of colorful fringe earrings using Finials on cord.



“ Finials attach to embroidery floss really well and make **a cool substitution for French knots**. Make a very small thread-loop start and then glue the bead right on to the end.”

—TrendSetter Eva Rushton

ADHESIVE TYPES

Choose adhesives that are fast-drying and not too runny. Superglue gel, two-part epoxy, and jeweler's cement are all strong choices and have a workable consistency.

HOW TO ADHERE

Prepare: First check the hole of each Finial; if needed, use an awl or strong needle to clear any excess coating. Also check to make sure your wire will fit in each hole; cull any beads that won't accommodate your wire choice before starting.

“ *Take time to prep your wire. Roughen the wire end with sandpaper to give the glue a better surface to adhere to, then clean the wire with alcohol to remove any oil and dust.*”

—TrendSetter Penny Dixon

Attach: Finials may be attached before or after you manipulate your wire; it's a matter of preference.

When attaching a Finial before manipulating the wire, you can dip the end of the wire in the adhesive or apply it with a brush, and then insert the wire into the Finial. If you're attaching a Finial to a finished project and the wire end isn't accessible for dipping, use a toothpick or brush to apply the adhesive to the wire and/or Finial. Give the Finial a twist as you're lowering it onto the wire to spread the adhesive.

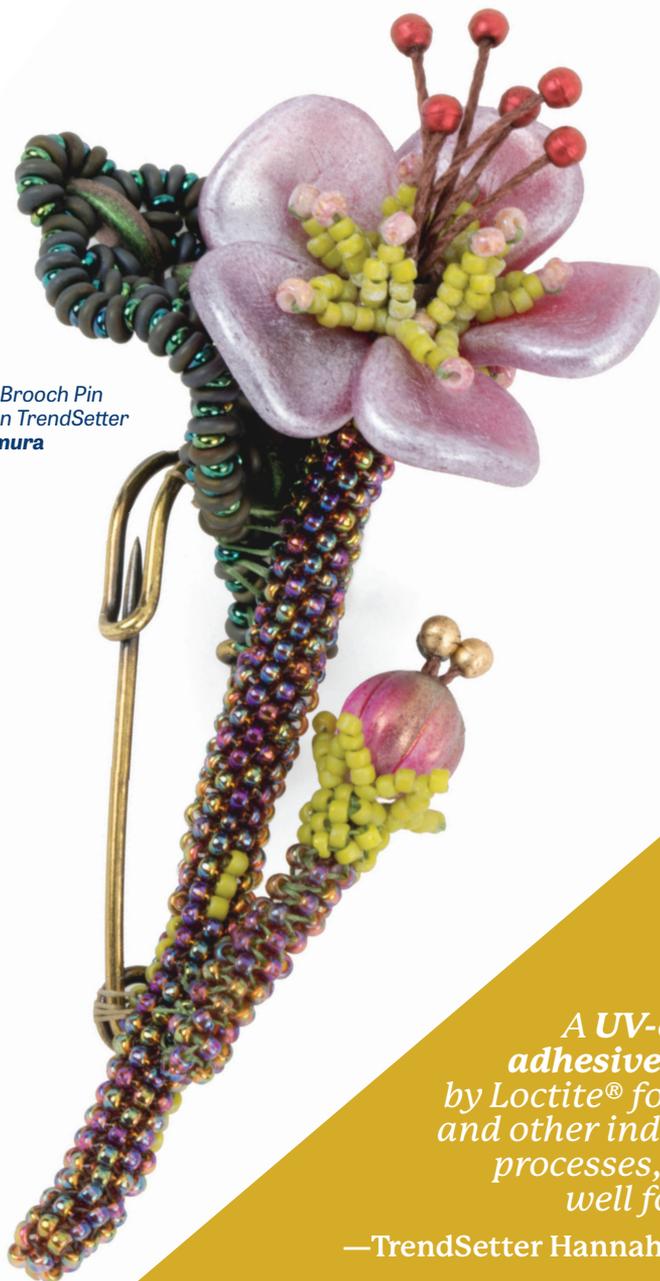
To avoid getting adhesive on your fingers, consider holding the Finial with chain-nose pliers or in the notch of crimping pliers.

If your adhesive has a fine-tip applicator, you can apply it directly inside the Finial's hole.

“ To help hold a Finial, *wrap a fine-tipped pair of chain-nose pliers with painters’ tape, sticky side out.*”

—TrendSetter Thomasin Alyxander

Wild Rose Brooch Pin
by Starman TrendSetter
Akiko Nomura



“
A UV-curing
adhesive, made
by Loctite® for glass
and other industrial
processes, works
well for me.”

—TrendSetter Hannah Rosner

Clean up: Wipe off excess adhesive around the base of the Finial with a toothpick, tweezers, or scrap wire before the adhesive sets, especially if you chose an adhesive that dries white. Depending on the strength of your chosen adhesive, you may be able to carefully pop off excess glue after it dries.

Dry: Be sure to let the adhesive dry thoroughly and set before using the wire. Some may need to cure overnight, so check the glue manufacturer's recommendations.



“ *When I apply glue directly to the Finial, I sometimes have to pop air bubbles with a pin.*”

—TrendSetter Thomasin Alexander



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