

# *Making Anglican Prayer Beads*

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This is a basic, step-by-step method for making a strand of Anglican prayer beads. There are some basic tools and materials you will need. I recommend laying out all that you need on a bead board, a piece of felt, or even a placemat. Choose a workspace with adequate light, and don't be afraid to use reading glasses or a magnifying glass if you need to.

#### **Supply list:**

- 19-strand beading wire (approx. 2 feet)
- a cross pendant
- a larger "invitatory" bead
- 6 beads for the "tail" between the cross and main circle
- 4 crimp beads
- 4 larger "corner" beads
- 28 beads (approx. 8 mm)
- 40 seed beads

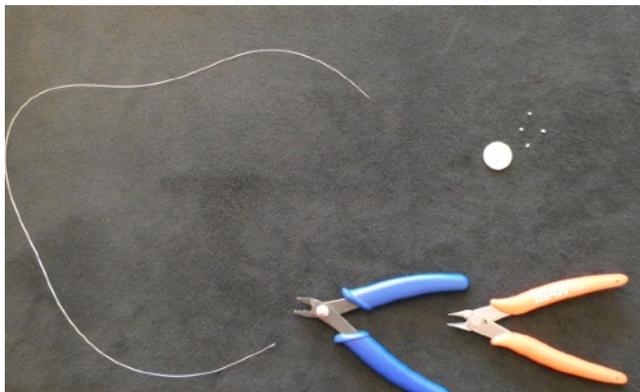
#### **Tools list:**

- crimping pliers
- wire cutter
- (optional) beading board (available at craft & bead stores)

**Need more beads and supplies?** I highly recommend Happy Mango Beads. [www.happymangobeads.com](http://www.happymangobeads.com) They're local...in Berthoud!



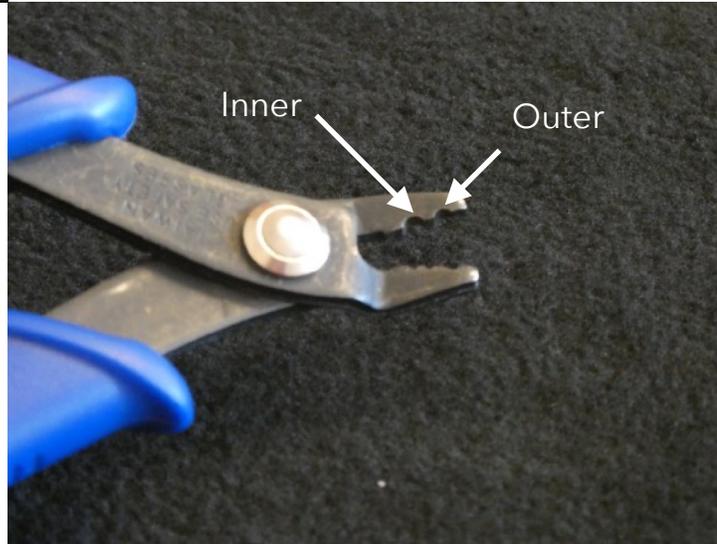
**1.** Prepare your space and lay out your tools and supplies.





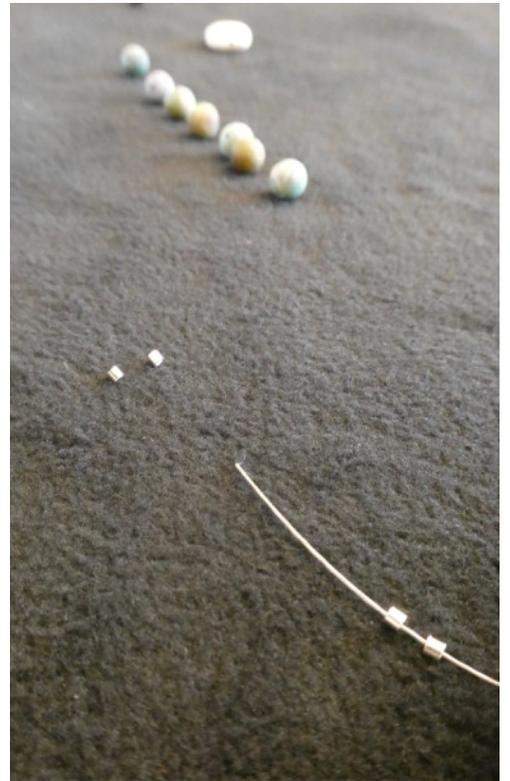
Seed beads and crimp beads are tiny!

The crimping pliers have two crimping surfaces: The outer (near the open jaw) is used first and flattens the crimping bead, and the inner is used next and puts the crimp in place.



Arranging everything ahead of time and putting beads in place helps the process!

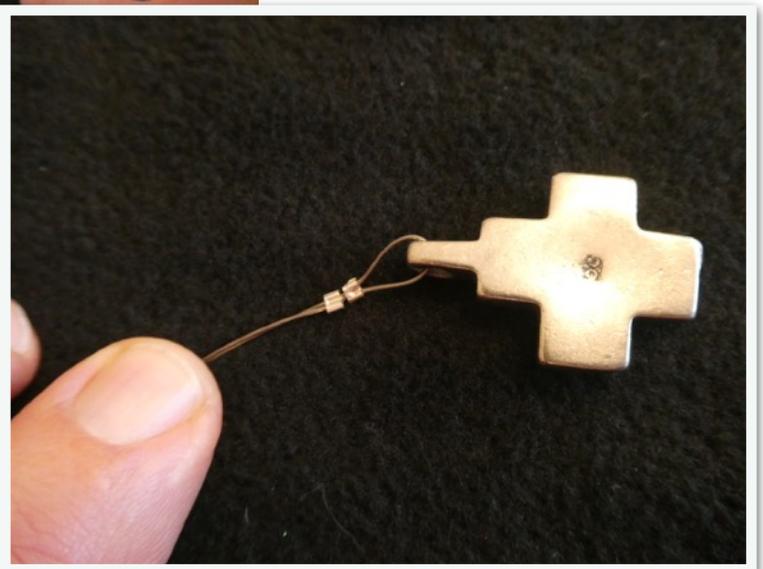
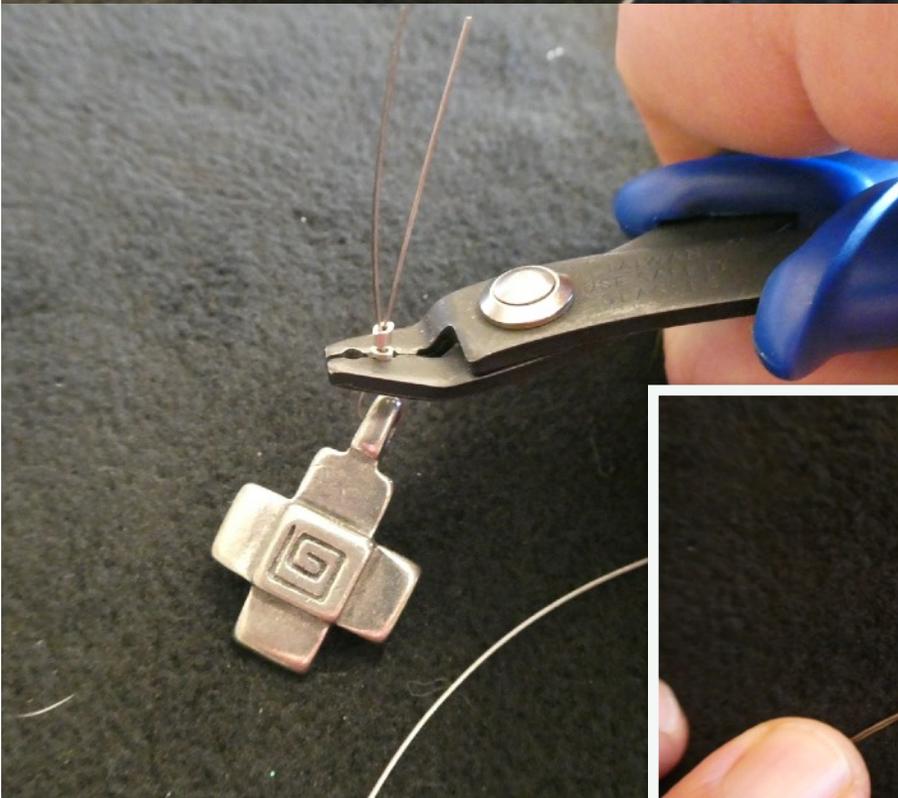
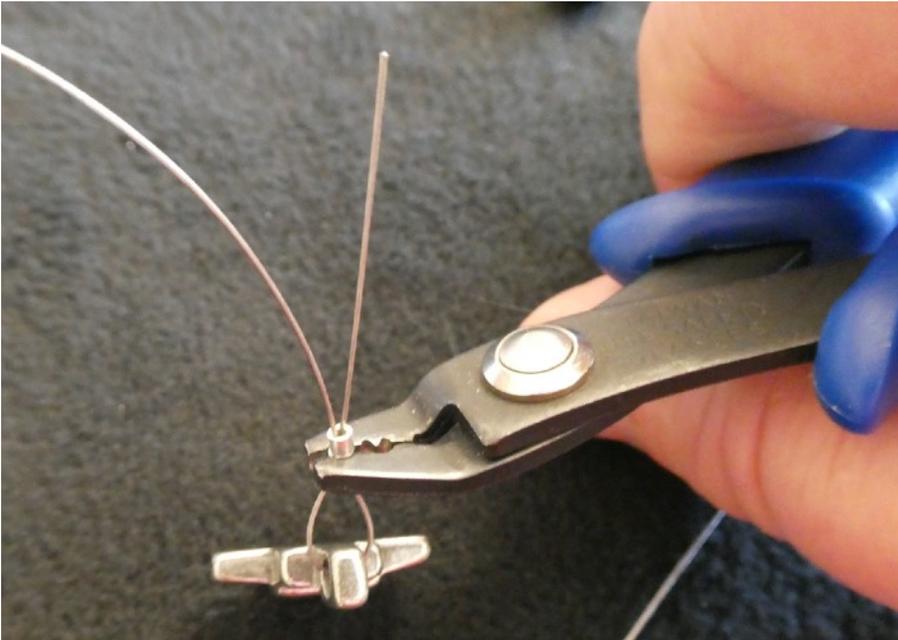
**2.** String the **wire** and through **2 silver crimp beads**. (Hold the wire, run through the bead.)



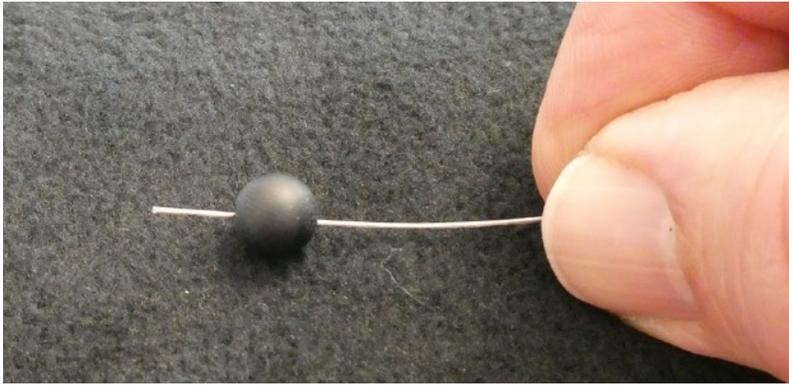
**3.** String the wire through the cross.



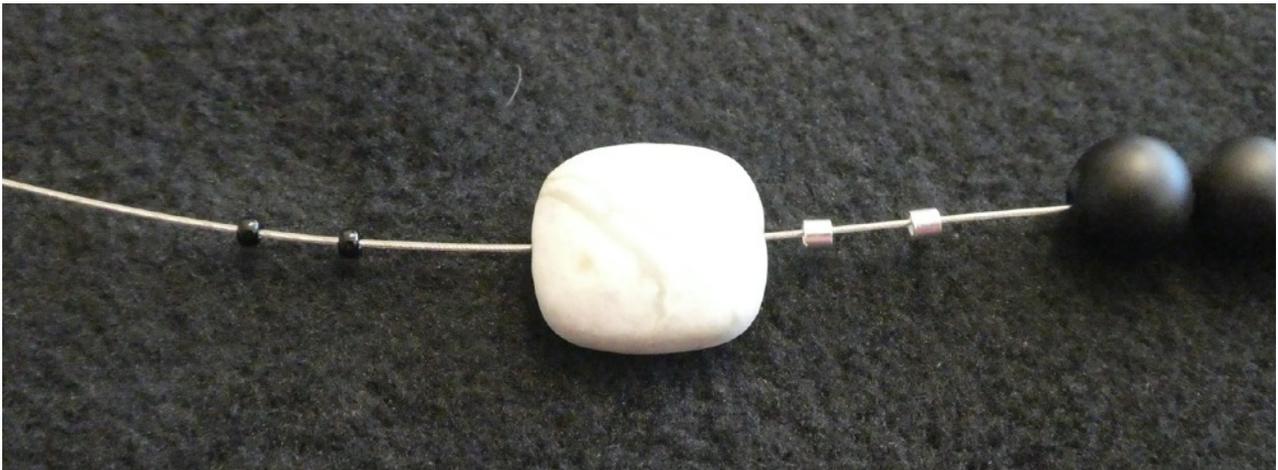
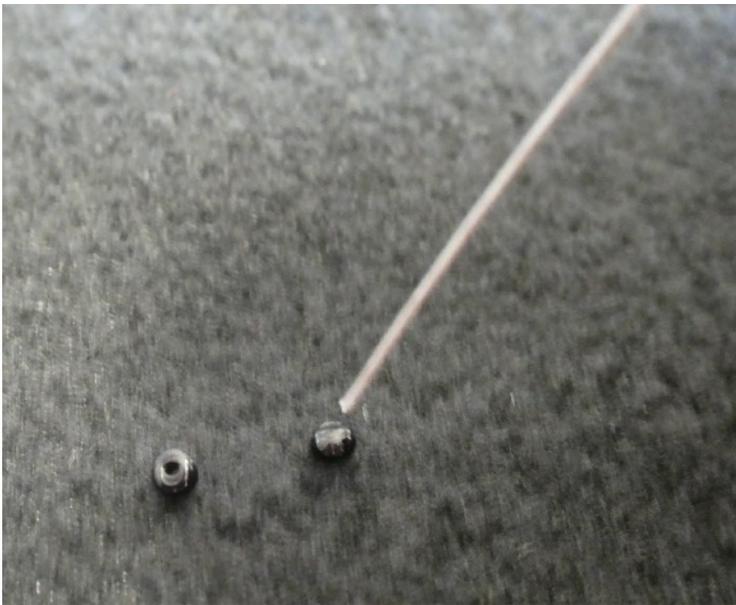
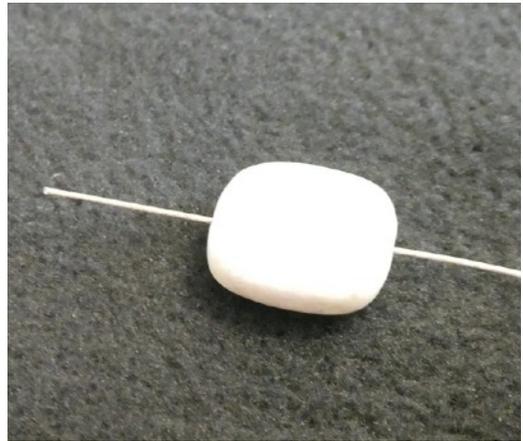
**4.** Insert the end of the wire through the **two crimp beads** to form a loop for the cross. Crimp both beads, first using the outer (near the open jaw of the pliers) surface of the crimping pliers, and then give it the full crimp using the inner surface.



(5. String **3 beads** to start the "tail," followed by the **Invitatory bead** and **3 more beads**. Then add **two crimp beads**...don't worry we'll crimp them later.



6. String the **wire** through the right side of a **corner bead**, followed by **two seed beads**. (Only the corner beads are surrounded by 2 seed beads.)



**7.** The main beading begins! String one of the **"day" beads**, followed by a **seed bead**. Keep that pattern going until you have seven "days." After the seventh bead, add **two seed beads** and a corner bead. Then repeat the pattern.



8. Once you have four corner beads and 28 "day" beads on your strand, add **two seed beads** and push the wire through that very first corner bead, from right to left.



9. String the wire through the **two crimp beads** just a the top of the "tail."



10. Insert the wire **into the three beads** above the invitatory bead.





**11.** Pull the wire taught through the whole strand of beads. (You'll need to adjust the wire around the very first corner bead to make it even. Leave a bit of "play" in the beads.)



**12.** Holding the loose end of the wire, crimp the **two crimp beads** between the "tail" and the very first corner bead.  
(Remember to crimp both beads using the outer surface to squash and then the inner surface to crimp.)



**13.** As close to the invitatory bead as possible, **trim** the loose end of the wire. And on the other end of the invitatory bead, as close as possible, **trim** the very first bit of wire coming up from the cross.



**14. Congratulations!** You've made a set of Anglican prayer beads!

