

Instructions for  
Mini Grasping  
Rings



# Small is Beautiful: a Self-Made Mini Grasping Ring

A **mini grasping ring** is a cute little baby toy. With it your baby or toddler can have a wonderful time. Playing helps developing the child's senses of touch and sight.

The mini grasping ring is comparatively quick and easy to make – even for inexperienced tinkerers! The time required is about 5–10 minutes.

The handicraft material you need for making a mini grasping ring:



- 1 wooden ring in size L
- 1 motif bead
- 1 little bell (15 mm)
- colourful wooden beads
- optional: 2 safety beads
- cord (PP-polyester cord)

The small tools you need:



needle  
and thread



scissors



lighter



tweezers

# Let's Get Crafty!

## Step 1: Experimenting With Beads

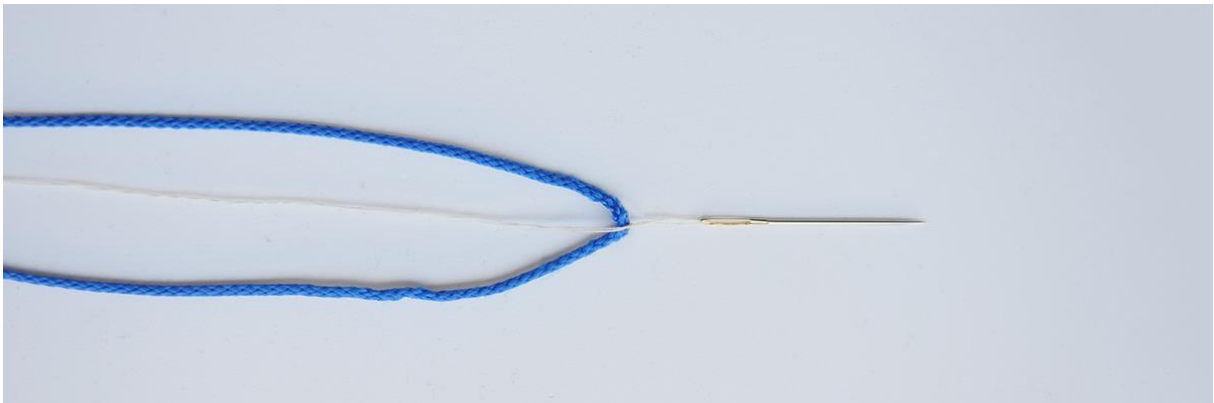


Your chosen **handicraft material for a mini grasping ring** is ready? Great! So let's start!

Place the beads and the ring in the order in which you would like to create the mini grasping ring. At this step you still have the possibility to try different designs and exchange beads.

As each **motif bead** is different in size, you should also test how many beads you need within the wooden ring by placing it on the table: The inner diameter is 62 mm.

## Step 2: Preparing the Stringing



Double the **PP-polyester cord** so that it's slightly longer than your prepared mini grasping ring design.

Thread a piece of sewing thread into a needle. Knot the sewing thread tightly at the end of the cord's loop. We've just created a practical stringing aid.

### Step 3: Stringing the First Two Beads



Take the cord and use the needle to easily string a lens bead and a **safety bead**, the latter with its larger hole pointing outward. Double knot the cord at the end. **Weld the knot** with a lighter and let it disappear into the safety bead.

If necessary, press the knot properly into the opening by using tweezers.

### Step 4: Stringing the Wooden Ring



Now string the cord through one of the **wooden ring's** two holes.

### Step 5: Stringing More Beads



String all **wooden beads** as well as the **motif bead** and the little bell that you want to be inside of the wooden ring.

### Step 6: Finishing the Wooden Ring's Inner Part



String the cord through the wooden ring's second hole.

## Step 7: Making the Last Bead's Stringing Aid



String a **lens bead**. Cut the loop and remove the needle as well as the thread.

Make a simple knot behind the lens bead. Lightly **melt** one of both cord ends with the lighter. Press it as flat as possible with your fingers.

Also melt the other cord end with the lighter and weld it slightly offset underneath the other one. Press it as flat as possible as well.

## Step 8: Finishing the Mini Grasping Ring



Using the upper cord end, string a second **safety bead** with the larger hole pointing outward. Push the safety bead over the simple knot.

Knot the cord end twice and weld it. Let the knot disappear in the security bead. If necessary you can use tweezers to push the knot properly into the safety bead.

Ready is your mini grasping ring is ready to use! We wish the little one lots of fun with its new companion.



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