

Travelling Bead Board Tips

Identifying Your Bead Colors - Use a #2 pencil to write directly onto the board surface, then erase it when you're done.

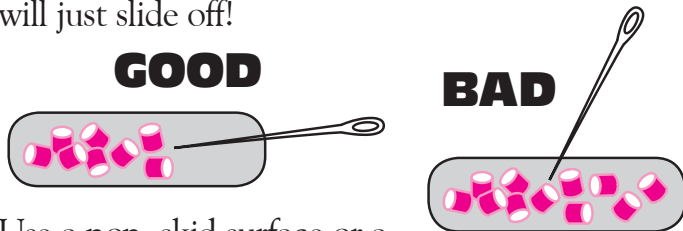
Write the color number (small) on the sticky part of a sticky note, cut them out and put them over the space with the color in it.

Picking Up The Beads - Skimming / Picking

Use a regular beading needle. The shorter bead embroidery needles will make it a little more difficult to pick beads up.

Fill the space at least 3/4 of the way, though if you don't have that many beads it's still okay.

Needle angle is IMPORTANT! You want to hold your needle fairly HORIZONTAL to the groove and beads. If you at too sharp an angle, the bead will just slide off!



Use a non-skid surface or a bead mat, place your bead board on it with one or both clips towards the back underneath. This will raise the back of the board up a little and make it easier to get to the beads. Make sure you're resting it on the flat black part of the clip, not the little silver handles.

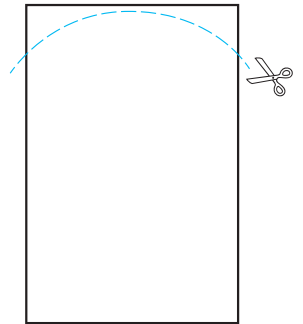
Skimming - Hold your needle further back. Skim only across the top of the bead pool staying in the middle of the groove. If you hit the end of the groove or the bottom, the beads will play tiddly wink and fling.

Picking - Before you start, hold the lid on the board and TIP it UP with your beading hand. This will pool the beads to the end of the space bringing them higher up.

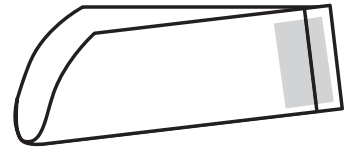
Look for a bead with the hole facing "up". Tap the edge of the bead, just like you would on a mat, and it should flip right onto the tip of the needle.

THEN, just lift the tip up, or run the tip of the needle UP the "back" edge of the groove or the "front" edge, this will roll the bead further onto your needle. Don't stab down as the bead will just slide off.

Getting the Beads Out When You're Done - Take any old business card, or cut a piece of card stock into a business card size piece.



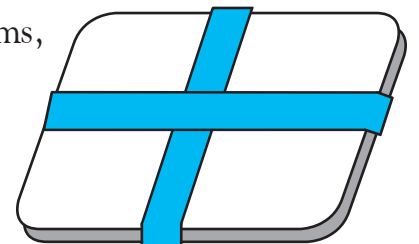
Cut a slight arc on one end, bend it (not fold!) lengthwise, then fold over the straight edge end and tape it shut. You now have a perfect scoop!



Make sure to get the curved end into the bottom of the bead groove, then SLOWLY slide it to the end. Use your finger to gently push the beads into it as you come up the curve at the end of the groove and pour them back into their baggy or tubes.

Lid Holder Options - The clips can be hard to use if you have problems with your grip. You can soften them by setting it on the floor with the arms in the opening position, then repeatedly step on it gently to "flex" the metal clip. Do this while sitting! This will make it easier to open.

If you still have problems, you can find the self sticking velcro straps at any super store or hardware store.



You'll want to use TWO straps, one lengthwise and one for the width to keep the lid from sliding open.

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