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Mark Nelson shows how to use different clasps for a variety of designs.

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# Clasp Selection

A clasp can be a beautiful focal point of a design's overall look, but it must also serve its primary purpose: to keep the piece secure! Consider both when selecting a clasp for your design.

**Rio Dexterity™ clasp**—This magnetic clasp is easy to use and great for people with limited dexterity. Simply pinch open the clasp, catch the jump ring of the chain on the peg, then release. The hidden magnet keeps the clasp securely closed. Great for necklaces; however, we don't recommend this clasp for bracelets where the strong magnet may grab onto nearby metal components and objects.

**Pearl (safety) clasp**—The safety catch keeps the strand secure while offering a clean, streamlined look, especially with pearls. Knot your strand right up against the clasp.

**S-hook**—Great for adjusting the length of link necklaces—simply hook anywhere along the necklace.

**Toggle clasp**—An excellent choice for securing heavy pieces; once the toggle and ring are hooked, they're hooked well!

**Ball (safety) clasp**—The safety feature keeps it secure, making it ideal for heavy strands. Looks just like another bead, making it a great focal point if worn in front.

**Magnetic (anchor-style and multi-strand)**—Very secure clasps that are ideal for heavy pieces. Simply lift the magnets apart to open. Can also be a design element when worn in front.

**Hook & Eye (duet)**—These clasps boast form & function! To open and close, just align the openings and hook together. Incorporate the clasp into the design by wearing in front.

**Lobster clasp**—One of the most secure type of clasps, lobster clasps have a spring mechanism inside them. Pull the tab down to open the claw and slide it onto a strand. When released, the spring releases and locks into place.

**Friction/Tension clasp**—Use on cable necklaces to maintain a streamlined, seamless look. A friction clasp pushes closed and is secured by friction, then pulls apart. Twist and pull a tension clasp to open and close.



690-458 Friction/Tension clasp



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686-654 Rio Dexterity™ clasp



630-195 Pearl (safety) clasp



693-716 S-hook clasp



693-426 Toggle clasp



624-422 Ball safety clasp



686-074 Magnetic clasp



686-460 Hook & eye (duet)



630-153 Lobster clasp



639-873 Lobster clasp