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Katie's Beading Lesson
Setting Up Your Workspace

Whether you're starting out or have been making jewelry for a long time, it's important to look at your workspace and see if it's helping you get the most out of your craft.



Lighting

You want to see your jewelry in the best light! Daylight lamps mimic outdoor sunlight and give you the best light for clarity and color matching. Good lighting is essential because it allows you to see what you're doing and work comfortably for longer periods of time. Use a magnifier to prevent eye strain.

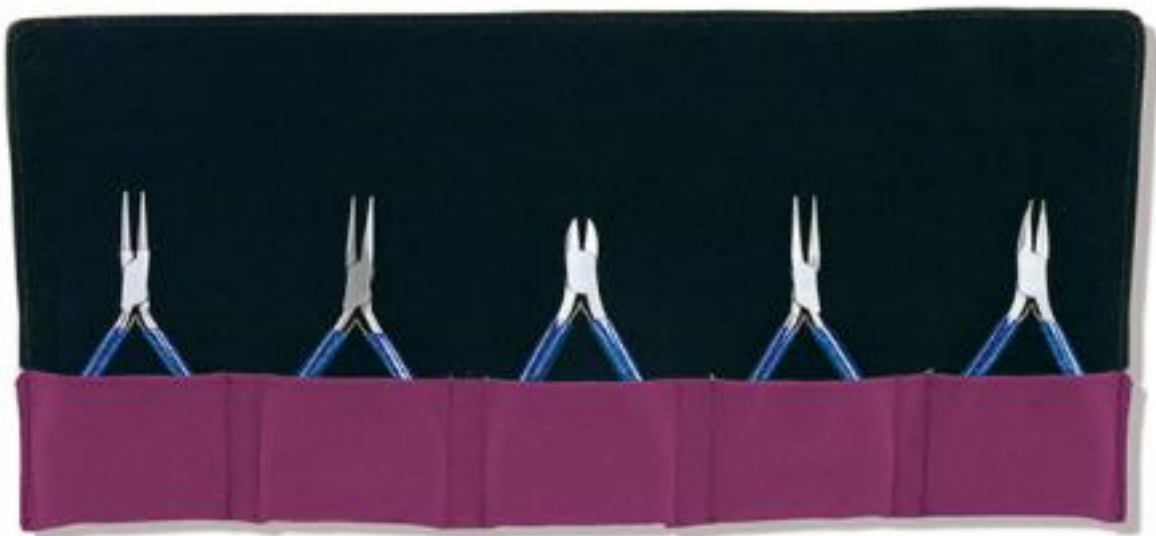
<https://us.daylightcompany.com>



Storage & Organization

Keeping your beads organized by color or style in Bead Storage Solutions trays with transparent lids makes it quick and easy to find what you need. Larger bins are great for storing stringing materials and other supplies. Tool and spool organizers keep your worktable tidy and are easy to stash away when you're finished working.

<http://www.beadstorgesolutions.com>



Beadalon Essential Tools Overview

One of the easiest ways to tote and store your essential tools is in a roll-up velvet tool pouch. This style

has pockets for each of your most-used tools and you can roll it up to stash it in a travel bag or out of the way. Chain-nose pliers have tapered tips but are flat inside, round-nose pliers have cylindrical tips, http://www.beadalon.com/pc_product_detail.asp?key=87BA729EC89B457C8A8D32EE33344826

Work Surface

If you're working on a stringing or beadwork project, a bead mat is great for cushioning the hands and preventing beads from rolling off the table. Beads typically land hole-side up on the mat, too, making them easier to pick up and string. If you'll be gluing, keep a craft mat handy to protect your work surface. Ceramic tiles and soldering blocks protect the table if you'll be working with a torch.

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