

Bead Embellishment Tip:

How many times have you wanted to add some beautiful bead embellishment to your quilt only to knock over that little dish 30 times before you were done? I have had the exact same trouble and after picking up beads off the floor for the umpteenth time with masking tape...the “duh” idea was born! Put the beads on the tape FIRST!

Take wide masking tape and wrap your hand a couple of times with the sticky side out. Sprinkle your beads to the tape and lightly pat down. Stick the tape with the beads on it to your quilt top and embellish away! This allows you to do beadwork anywhere you wish...on the plane, in the car, on the couch...well, you get the idea!

I've also found that Bottom Line thread from Superior Threads is perfect for my beadwork. I can use long lengths without it knotting up, its blendable nature allows the bead to be sewn down without the thread showing, and the texture allows it to grab the fabric and hold the bead tight!

