Directions for Making Beaded Safety Pin SWAPS

Gather the materials you will need:
- Safety pins
- Seed beads
- Metal fingernail file
- Needle-nose pliers

Seal Pins To prevent tarnishing, spray brass pins with two thin coats of clear acrylic.

String beads Open pins and string seed beads on front shank. Seed beads are not uniform, pick beads similar in size. If shank is too full to close properly, try different beads. String beads following pattern starting at the top with Row 1 and working down. Each row is a pin. Lay filled pins on work surface according to pattern.
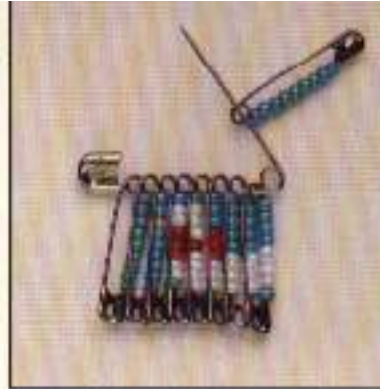

Close Pin Close pin and flatten head with needle-nose pliers to prevent pin from popping open.
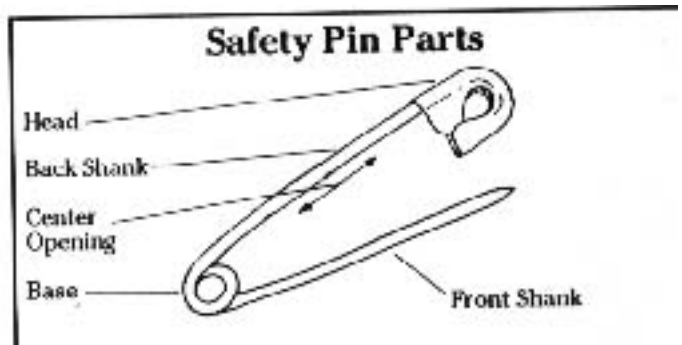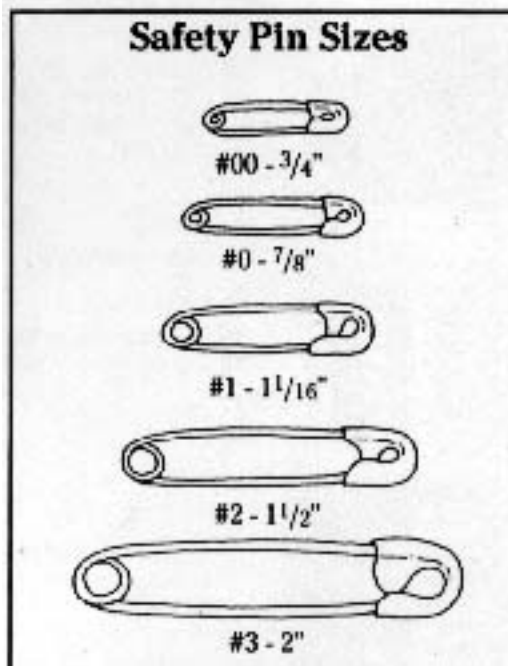
Open loop The front shank of a large safety pin is used to attach completed pin to clothing. Use point of metal fingernail file to spring open the loop at base of large pin.

Thread Pins Hold head of pin in left hand with sharp point away from body. Hold head of beaded pin in right hand with beads facing down. Thread base of beaded pin onto front shank of large pin, force around loop and onto back shank of large pin. Follow pattern, from left to right.

Additional Information:

Safety Pin Sizes

#00 - ³/₄"

#0 - ⁷/₈"

#1 - 1¹/₁₆"

#2 - 1¹/₂"

#3 - 2"

Safety Pin Parts

Head

Back Shank

Center Opening

Base

Front Shank

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