

Seed Bead to Tatting Thread Chart

Seed Bead Size	Tatting Thread Size	Notes & Compatibility
Size 15/0	Size 80	Extremely fine. Perfect, snug fit. Use high-quality beads like Miyuki.
Size 11/0	Size 20, Size 30, Size 40	The most common, versatile combination. Fits these thread sizes comfortably.
Size 8/0	Size 10, Size 20	Larger beads. Best paired with slightly heavier thread so the bead doesn't slide around too much.
Size 6/0	Size 3, Size 5	Heavyweight tatting thread or crochet cotton. This will also work for perle cottons Size 8 is a common perle cotton used in tatting. The smaller the perle cotton the smaller the bead size. Perle cotton sizes are just like tatting threads. The larger the number the smaller the thread size.

When incorporating beads into tatting, you must match the thread's thickness to the seed bead's hole size. As a rule for seed beads, **the larger the bead size number, the smaller the bead**, meaning a size 15/0 bead is much smaller than an 8/0 bead.