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## Miniature Beading Tool – 1/16"

The Miniature Beading Tool is a "form tool". Its flute, when pressed into the spinning wood, makes a full bead 1/16" wide. With careful sharpening this tool should last a very long time. Most people will find the rubber coated handle to be all that is needed, though if you prefer the rubber can be cut off and the tool installed in a different handle. This is a delicate tool for making light cuts. The weight of a long handle could interfere with the light touch needed to make perfect beads. Use the tool as a scraper, with the flute on the tool rest.

For best results, sand the surface before cutting the beads.  
Then the beads will need only a light sanding with 600 or 1000 grit.

The Miniature Beading Tool is shipped to you sharpened and ready to use. When it needs sharpening, a light honing with a diamond hone is all that is needed to renew the edge.



With the heel and tip of the hollow ground edge both contacting the hone, draw the tool back toward you along the stone. The shaped tip of the tool should be honed evenly; giving a symmetrical bead shape that is 90° to the flute.



If the honing flats get too large, the hollow grind can be renewed by grinding free-hand.