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Do a quick 60-second check to avoid snaps and breaks. Print it and stick it up!

- 1 Do you have the right elastic for the bead weight?**  
Super fine elastic + heavy beads = future snap. Don't go under 0.5mm elastic thickness. Give Beadalon Elasticity a go...my favorite
- 2 Do you have the right thickness of elastic for the bead hole?**  
If the ratio is not correct, your bracelet will look wobbly.  
The elastic thickness needs to be as near to the hole size as possible
- 3 Have you pre-stretched your elastic?**  
A few gentle stretches first reduces bagginess later
- 4 Is the tension snug but not strained?**  
It should sit comfortably - not fight the wrist
- 5 Are bead holes smooth?**  
Sharp edges quietly cut elastic over time
- 6 Are heavy focal beads balanced?**  
Uneven weight causes stress points
- 7 Has glue been used sparingly?**  
A dot on the knot, not a blob! Try G-S Hypo Cement or High Strength Oily Glue.
- 8 Has your glue dried overnight?**  
Avoid transfer and things getting stuck together!
- 9 Is the knot hidden securely inside a crimp bead?**  
A simple little trick

*If anything feels 'almost fine', redo it. Almost fine = breaks!*

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