

Materials needed for this project

- Clasp of your choice
- Beads of your choice
- Jump Rings
- Head pins
- Chain

Creating a loop on a Head Pin or Eye Pin

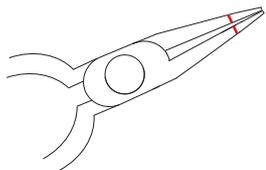
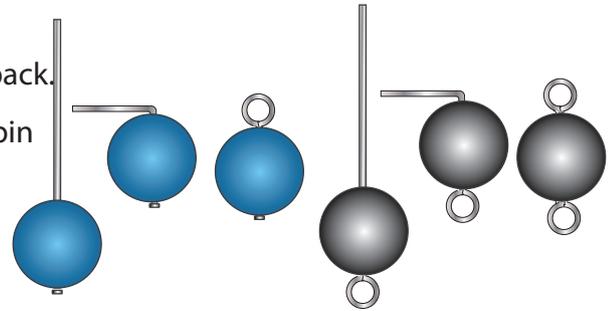
Step 1. Take a head pin or Eye Pin and slide on a bead from your pack.

Step 2. Using your round nose pliers, bend the top of your head pin as close as you can on the top of the bead, at a 90 degree angle.

Cut your head pin leaving 1cm.

Step 3. Again, using your round nose pliers, bend the wire up and around forming a loop at the top.

Step 4. Attach your component to another one with a jump ring, please refer to the diagram below how to open and to close a jump ring.



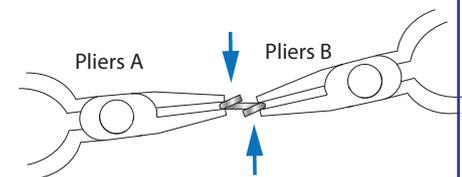
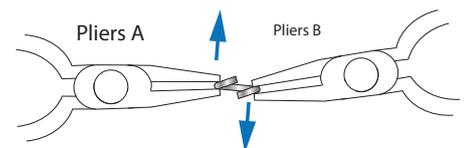
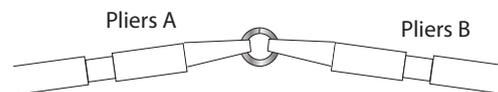
Top tip - To ensure your loops are a constant size, take your round nose pliers and mark with a pen on both ends. Then when you are creating your loops, hold the beaded pin on the pen mark and curl - every pin loop will now have the same diameter.

Opening and Closing a Jump Ring

Step 1. Hold Jump ring with 2 pairs of pliers.

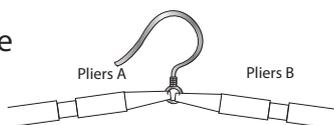
Step 2. Gently push the Jump ring apart, moving Pliers A away from you and pliers B towards you.

Step 3. With the pliers in the same position, reverse the action in Step 2, pulling pliers A towards you and pushing pliers B away from you.

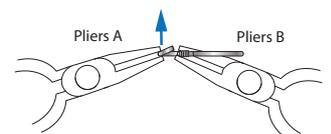


Opening an Ear Wire

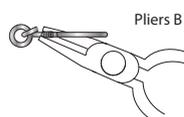
Step 1. Hold Ear Wire with 2 pairs of pliers.



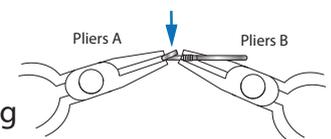
Step 2. Gently push the ring held by Pliers A away from you, holding Pliers B firmly in front of you.



Step 3. Hook your Earring onto the Ear Wire.



Step 4. Holding the pliers in the same position, reverse the action in Step 2, pulling pliers A towards you and holding pliers B firmly in front of you.



Head pin drop Necklace

Refer to the Earring section on how to create beaded pins with loop at the top.

Make sure you hang each of your beaded pins evenly along your chain. Start with the centre pin, find the centre of your chain, then attach your pin. Count the links either side of your centre pin - maybe 4-5 links, then attached the next pin. Continue to do this either side of your centre pin, counting the same amount of links each time and attaching the next pin.



Things to consider:

- the size of the chain, more importantly the size of each link on the chain, so in some cases you will have 3-4 links between but in some cases you will have 4-5 links between
- look at how the chain looks when you add the headpins with a jump ring, with some flat chain you don't have to worry how many links you leave between adding the jump rings as long as you keep to one side of the chain, so the headpins will hang naturally the same way. With some round chains where each link is the same. You need to leave an uneven number of links on the chain when you add your jump ring as well as keeping them on the same side.
- sometimes it is easier if you hang the chain up on something like jewellery bust or pin it to a board at each end and leave the middle hanging down where you will be adding your headpins.
- Finally keep in mind that you can tweak your jewellery afterwards as the headpins are attached with jump rings which can be opened more than once. So if you wish to change the distance between the pins or if you want to add it to a different link on your chain you can.

You can apply this technique to a variety of Jewellery, you can add as many or as little to each headpin, you can even make some fun ones like the snowmen bracelet it made below using different sizes of beads on top of each other. You can cluster the headpins together too if you like adding more than one headpin to a jump ring. The possibilities are endless.



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