

Exploring Earrings

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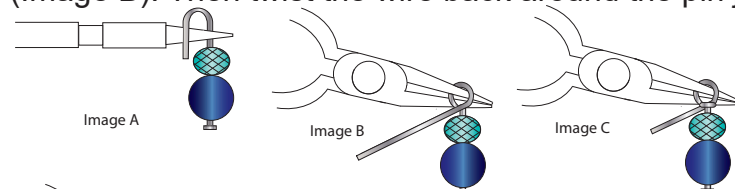
Materials needed for this project

- Earwires
- Jump Rings
- Chain
- Tigertail
- Beads of your choice
- headpins and eyepins
- Calottes
- Crimp Beads

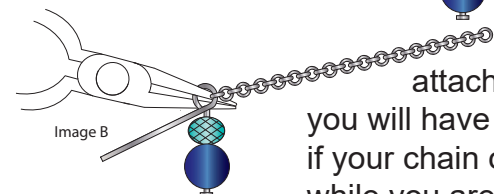
Creating a Loop on a Head Pin - Wrap Around Method

Step 1. Slide a bead onto the pin and hold the pin 5mm above the bead with round nose pliers.

Step 2. Wrap top of pin into a loop (Image A), curling it around the pliers, (Image B). Then twist the wire back around the pin just above the bead, (Image C).



Step 3. Wrap 1-2 times round the pin, (Image D) then trim excess wire. To neaten, push end of wire inwards, (Image E).



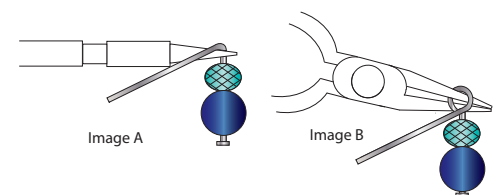
Please note - If you would like to

attach chain or a ring to your beaded head pin, you will have to attach them while you are creating the loop if your chain or jump ring will not open separately. Slide on your chain or ring while you are working on Step 2 - Image B, then continue with the steps as above.

Curl Method

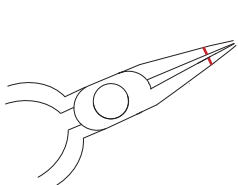
Step 1. Work out your bead pattern by laying your beads out in front of you.

Step 2. Slide your beads onto the pin, then hold the pin just above the bead with round nose pliers.



Step 3. Bend the pin wire at right-angles to the bead (Image A), then curl the pin round the round-nose pliers to create a loop. (Image B)

Step 4. Trim excess pin wire as close to your loop as possible with wire cutters, (Image C) then gently push end of your loop inwards to sit in line with the pin. (Image D)



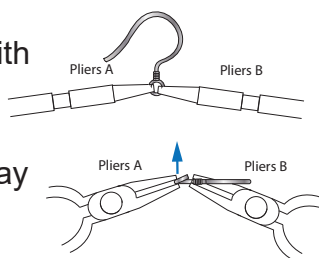
Step 5. Take an earwire and open the loop with your pliers, slide on your beaded pin and close loop. Repeat with the other beaded pin.

Top tip - To ensure your loops are a consistent 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 an Ear Wire

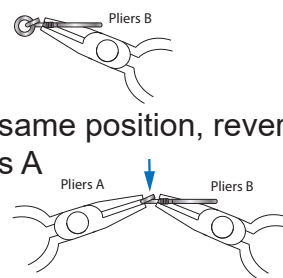
Step 1. Hold Ear Wire with 2 pairs of pliers.

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.

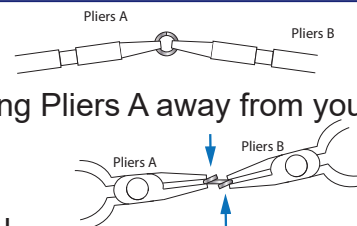
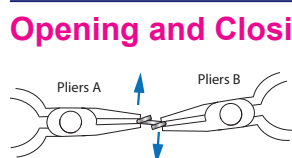


Opening and Closing a Jump Ring

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.

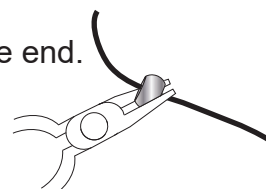
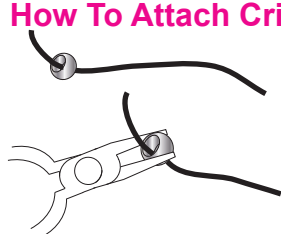


How To Attach Crimp Beads

Step 1. Take a length of Tigertail and slide a crimp bead onto the end.

Step 2. With your pliers, place them around the crimp and position the crimp where you would like it on the Tigertail.

Step 3. Squeeze the crimp flat, trapping the Tigertail inside the crimp.

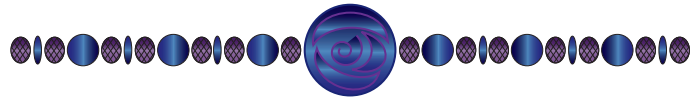


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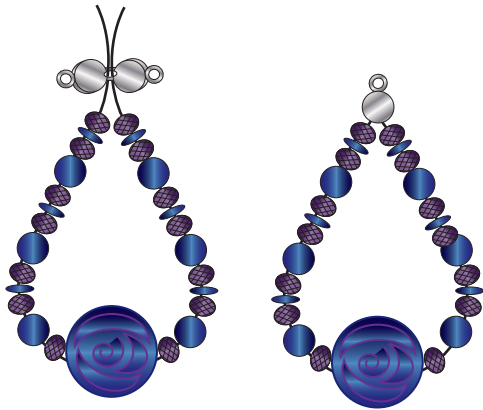
Earrings with Tigertail

Tigertail Loop with Calotte

Step 1. Layout your bead pattern for each earring, the number of beads you use will determine how large your loop of beads will be.



Step 2. Take 2 lengths of tigertail, approx 15cm each. Thread your beads onto the length of tigertail, then take both ends through a calotte and pull tight securing with a crimp bead, close calotte.



Step 3. Attach an earwire through the holes in the calotte and repeat for the other earring.

If your earring is not hanging correctly and not facing in the direction you would like it to, then attach a jump ring to the calotte before adding your earwire - this will change the direction your earring will face.



Selection of Earring Designs, you can use any beads you have in your stash.



Shaped beads make fabulous earrings. You can turn them into charms with a help of Head pins and then attach multiples of them to a chain then to your earwire with some jump rings.

You can also make dangly earrings by attaching a small length of chain to your earwire and just one bead to the bottom.



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