

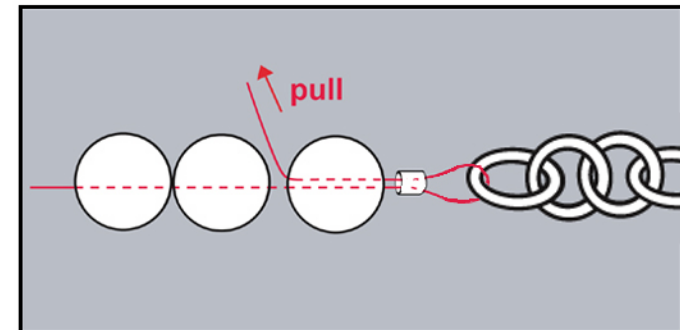
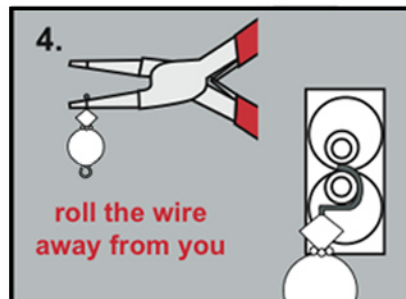
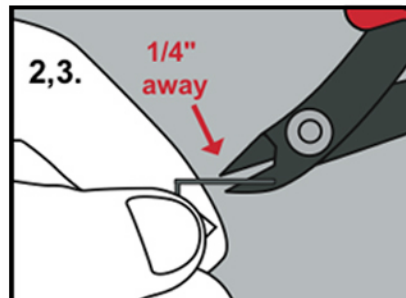
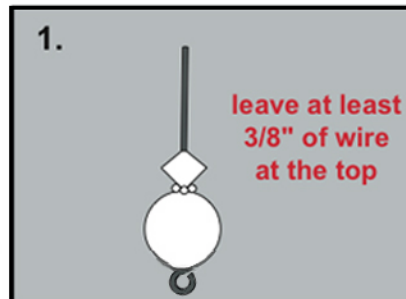
# Beads and Chains

Welcome to your new hobby

## Make your loops consistent

With permanent marker mark the spot on your pliers where you make the loops. Here's how to use this tip with a simple loop.

1. Stack your beads onto an eyepin in a pattern, making sure to leave at least 3/8" to a 1/2" of wire at the top.
2. Rest the eyepin with beads on the third finger of your non-dominant hand. Hold the top bead firmly between your index finger and thumb.
3. With your chain nose pliers placed above your beads, bend the wire at a right angle away from you. Snip the wire with your wire cutters about 1/4" away from the bend (think: pinky finger nail length).
4. Take your round nose pliers, marked about 1/4" from the end. Grip the tip of wire with the pliers. With a smooth wrist motion, roll the wire back toward the beads. Stop when the wire looks like a question mark.
5. Reposition your round nose pliers so that the half-finished loop is resting on the mark. Now, continue your rolling of the wire until it touches the spot where it began.



## Finishing with Crimps

Crimps are used only for finishing necklaces strung on beading cable (such as Soft Flex, Soft Touch, or Beadalon). They will cut right through silk or nylon.

1. Thread one end of the cable through a crimp, through a ring on your chain, then back through the crimp.
2. Grasping the tail end of the cable firmly, snug the crimp up close to the chain, leaving just enough room for the chain to move freely.
3. Squash the crimp with chain nose pliers (or our special crimping pliers) so it grips the cables tightly.
4. String your beads, sliding the first one or two over the excess tail before snipping off. (optional)
5. After stringing all your beads, thread the remaining cable through the other ring of your chain, back through the crimp and, optionally, through the last bead or two. Pull the tail to cinch your strand tight, and repeat the crimping procedure.
6. For the final (optional) touch, use crimp covers over your crimps.

