

# Techniques

## Making consistent loops

**Professional Tip:** Practice your techniques. It will be the best way to achieve professional results.

### 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 a headpin in a pattern, making sure to leave at least 3/8" to a 1/2" of wire at the top.
2. Rest the headpin 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.

