

Techniques

How to properly open and close Jump Rings

Professional Tip: Use a second Pliers or jump ring opener, but not a round nose pliers when opening, it will mar your rings.

Opening and closing Jump Rings

Made of looped wire primarily used to connect items together, jump rings are a simple finding with many applications. The single opening makes them easy to use. They are also the main component in chain mail (or chainmaille) work. It's important to know how open them without changing their appearance.

1. Grip the ring with two pairs of chain nose pliers one on either side of the split.
2. DO NOT open the ring as if you were making an O into a C. Instead, twist one side of the jump ring toward you while moving the other side away.
3. To close, reverse your actions, slightly pushing the ends towards each other. You may hear a little click of the ends as they touch. Make sure not to force or distort your rings.

