

# Tools

## Using Crimping Pliers

**Professional Tip:** Always use precious metal crimps when using Crimping Pliers. They are more pliable so they can withstand folding.

### Finishing using Crimping Pliers

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. Place the crimp in the notch closer to the joint of the pliers (the crimper).
2. Squeeze the pliers tightly, creating a peanut-shaped crimp.
3. Turn the crimp 90 degrees and place it in the notch farther from the joint of the pliers (the rounder).
4. Squeeze the pliers tightly, folding the crimp in half and rounding it.
5. Optional: Use a Crimp Cover to complete the look.

