

# how to use: Beading Tools and Findings



## Round Nose Pliers

These pliers have two tapered cone shape ends. They are used for making wire loops, circles and spirals.



## Chain Nose Pliers

These pliers have flat jaws that taper at the end. They are used for holding small items and for opening and closing jump rings.



## Cutters

They have a flat edge on one side and a bevel led edge on the other side. They also have a pointed nose. They are used to cut wires and provides a flush cut to your piece. The point also allows you access to smaller areas.



## Memory Wire Cutters

These cutters are specifically designed to cut memory wire. These are heavy duty cutters. Memory wire is a lot harder than regular wire and can damage regular cutters.



## Crimping Pliers

These pliers are used to crimp beads and crimp tubes to beading wire. They have two holes when the pliers are closed. The lower section crimps and the upper section rounds of your crimping bead for a cleaner look.



## Wire Protectors

These are used to protect your wires (or stringing material) from fraying as it rubs against the metal of your clasps or connectors.



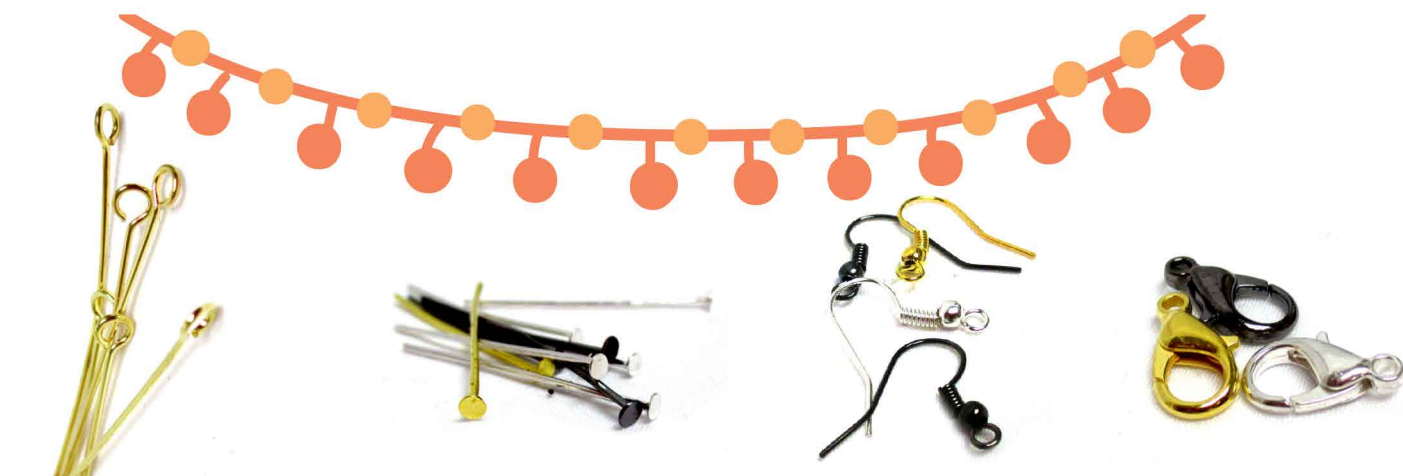
## Open Jump Rings

An open jump ring is a single ring of wire that has a split in the middle. They are used to connect pieces together or to make chains. They come assorted sizes and colours.



## Split Rings

These are pieces of wire that are double looped to better secure connections. They can be used to connect different components of jewelry from closures to charms. They can also be linked together to make chains. They come assorted sizes and colours.



## Eye Pins

Eye pins are pieces of wire that have a loop at one end. You can thread a bead (or beads) on the wire and make a loop on the open end to secure the bead in place. Eye pins can be linked together to make a chain. They come in different lengths, thickness and colour.

## Head Pins

These are pieces of wires that are flat or ball ended on one end. They come in assorted lengths, thickness and colours.

## Ear Wires

This is part of the earring that is inserted in your ear piercing. They have a loop at one end. The loop can be opened to connect the main part of an earring or you can use an open jump ring. They come in various styles and colours.

## Lobster Clasp

This is also known as a trigger clasp and are the most widely used clasps in the market. They are used to secure the ends of necklaces and bracelets. They vary in size, style and colours.



## Toggle Clasp

A toggle clasp comes in two pieces, the loop part and the bar. Both pieces have a connector hole attached to them. They can use a split or jump ring to connect to the ends of the main piece of jewelry. They vary in size, style and colours.



## Folding Clasp

These clamshell shaped clasps are designed to hide the knots or crimps in your stringing designs to provide a cleaner and more professional look. They also have two easy to use rings.



## Crimp Beads

These look like small metal beads with large holes in the middle. They work by compressing or "crimping" stringing materials together to hold them in place. This technique is used to keep beads in place on thread or wire or on the end of a string of beads to create a loop in the stringing material to attach a jump ring or clasp. They can be crimped using crimping pliers or be simply squashed flat with a chain nose pliers.



## Crimp Covers

These are used to cover crimp beads to make them look like normal small beads. They give your designs a cleaner and more professional look. They come in a variety of sizes and metal colour finishes.