



How to Make a Wrapped Loop Above a Bead

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Tools

Flush Cutters
Pliers:
Roundnose
Chainnose (or bent chainnose)
Flatnose
Crimping (to press the trimmed tail against the wire wraps)

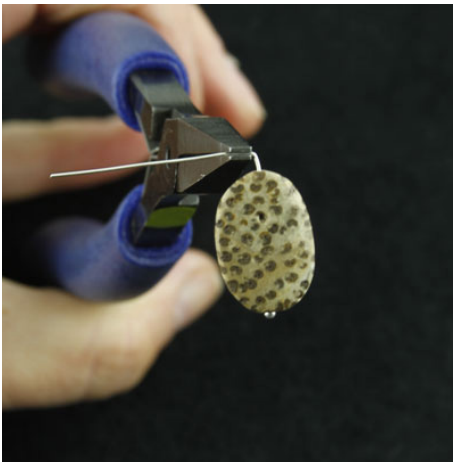


Supplies

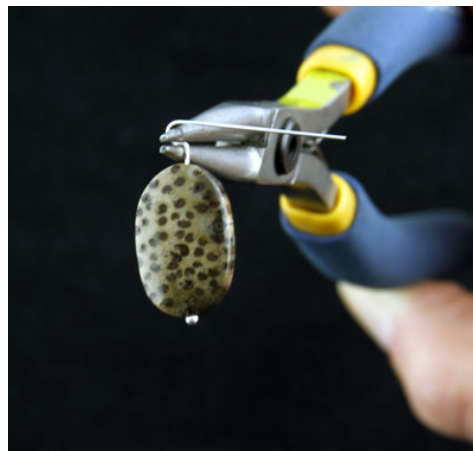
Bead
Head pin (1.5 inches long)



Steps



Use flatnose pliers to make a 90° bend 1/8 in. above the bead.



Use roundnose pliers to grasp below the bend in the wire. With your other hand, bend the wire around the top jaw of the pliers to make half of a loop.

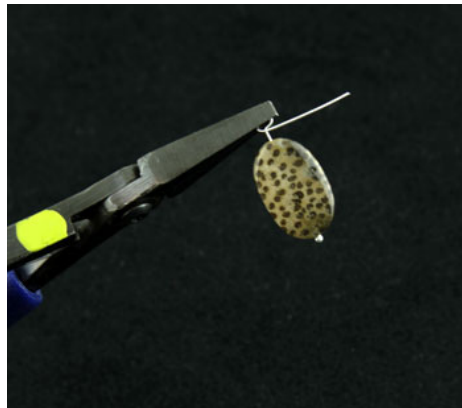


Reposition the pliers to grasp the half loop between the jaws of the pliers.

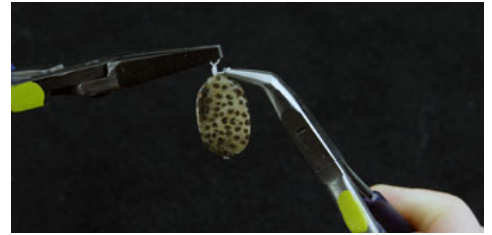


Use your other hand to wrap the wire around the bottom jaw of the pliers to complete the loop.

TIP: Mark the jaws of your pliers with a felt tip pen as a guide so you can make consistently sized loops!



Using your non-dominant hand, grasp the loop with flatnose pliers



Grasp the tail of the wire with bent (or regular) chainnose pliers. Make tight wraps around the wire stem above the bead. You'll have some extra tail wire.



Use flush cutter to trim the excess tail wire.



Use crimping pliers to gently squeeze the wire end against the wraps.