

How to Connect Beads With Wire Loops by Kate Richbourg



Tools Needed:

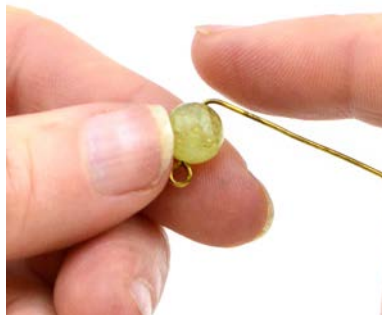
- Chain Nose Pliers
- Round Nose Pliers
- Flush Wire Cutters

Materials Used:

- 8mm Semiprecious Round Beads or beads of your choice.
- 24-gauge eyepins or gauge to accommodate size of bead hole.



Step 1. Place bead on eyepin.



Step 2. Bend eyepin at a 90° angle over the top of the bead hole.



Step 3. Cut away excess wire with flush cutters leaving a 3/8" tail.



Step 4. Use a fine tip permanent marker and mark head of the round nose pliers. This will allow you to size your loops consistently throughout the project. For a 3/8" wire tail, mark about 1/4" from the tip of the pliers.



Step 5. Grip the very end of the wire with the round nose pliers. The end of the wire should be in line with the mark on the pliers.



Step 6. Loop the wire up and over, (towards the bead) keeping the wire as straight as you can over the center of the bead. Shape the loop in a series of quarter turns, feeding the wire through the heads of the pliers.



Step 7. Stop looping once the tip of the wire touches the bead hole. The loop should be sitting straight above the hole of the bead. Straighten if necessary using chain nose pliers.



Step 8. To open, grip the wire using the chain nose pliers, just above where it ends at the bead hole.



Step 9. Swing the wire forward, keeping the shape of the loop intact. Open just wide enough to slip on another loop.



Step 10. Add beads and close loop by gripping the wire firmly at the tip with the needle nose pliers.



Step 11. Bend the wire back into place. The loop should be closed completely leaving no extra space.



Step 12. Repeat until you reach your desired length.

How to Attach Leather to a Crimp End by Kate Richbourg

Tools Needed:

- Wire Cutters or sharp Scissors
- Plastic baggie

Materials Used:

- 11mm End of the Line Crimp End
- Zap Jewelry Glue

In order to make the 5mm strap leather fit into our 11mm End of the Line Crimp, the end of the leather must be tapered before gluing inside the crimp. Consult these steps for instructions.



Step 1. Cut a straight edge on the end of the 5mm strap leather.



Step 2. Use wire cutters or scissors to cut an angle on one side of the leather end.



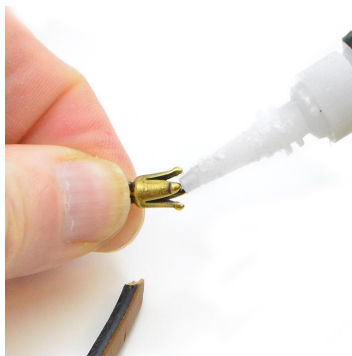
Step 3. The resulting angle should be fairly sharp.



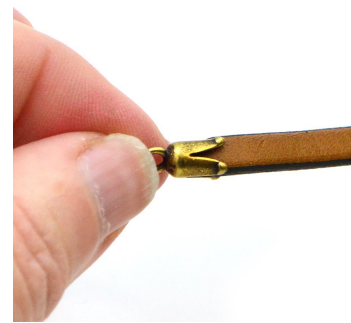
Step 4. Repeat for the other side to make a pointed end.



Step 5. Check the fit in the crimp end. If the leather does not fit snugly, adjust the cuts to make a sharper angle and recheck the fit.



Step 6. Work over a plastic baggie to protect your work surface. Add a drop of Zap Glue Gel into the cup of the crimp end.



Step 7. Insert the leather into the end. Allow the end to sit undisturbed for 20 minutes to let the glue set.