

Skill Builder: How to Use a Fold Over Crimp with Chain

This Skill Builder is intended to show you in 7 easy steps how to use a Foldover Crimp with small chain. So many tiny chains today just don't seem to have links large enough for jump rings. This foldover crimp is not intended for use with cord or leather...we've tried! Cord just slips out, but with small-link chain, it works great! Please also review [Skill Builder: How to Open and Close Jump Rings Securely](#)

Our sample was done with [Little Satellite Chain in Antique Copper](#).

Ingredients:

Chain desired finished length + 1 inch extra

1 pair Foldover Crimps




*1 Little Lobster Clasp

*2 jump rings

*2-3 inches of extender chain

*Available in [Extender Chain Kit](#)

Studio Essentials: Chain Nose Pliers, Bent Chain Nose Pliers and Flush Cutters

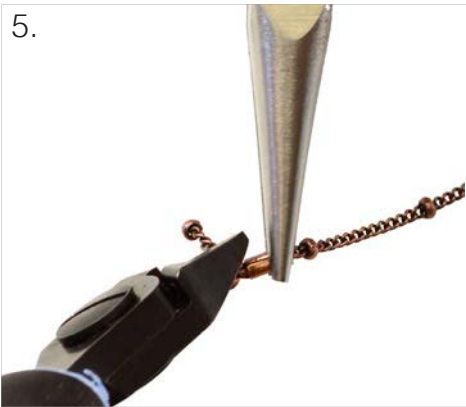
<p>1.</p>  <p>The Foldover Crimp has a channel that will fit your small chain. Lay your chain in the channel.</p>	<p>2.</p>  <p>Use your Bent Chain Nose Pliers to hold the crimp and chain in position. Leave a bit (no more than 1/2 inch) of chain after the crimp.</p>	<p>3.</p>  <p>Using your Chain Nose Pliers, gently flatten one side of the crimp. It takes 2-3 presses along the length of the crimp.</p>
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4.



Repeat Step 3 on the other side of the crimp.
Check the chain is now secure inside the crimp.

5.



Hold your finished crimp with your pliers or in your hand
while you cut the excess chain with your Flush Cutters.

6.



Repeat Steps 2-5 on other side of chain. With Little
Satellite Chain, the 2mm bead may end up being closer
or further from the Foldover Crimp on the second side,
depending on your finished length.

7.



Add a jump ring securely and a clasp on one end and
a jump ring and a short length of extender chain on the
other. We recommend 2-3 inches of extender chain to
make it really adjustable.

If you need a tutorial on adding the jump rings securely,
please review our [Skill Builder: How to Open and Close
and Jump Ring Securely](#).