

simple turned loops

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How to make a turned loop, with and without a bead in place.



Materials

- Bead
- Wire or head-pin

Tools

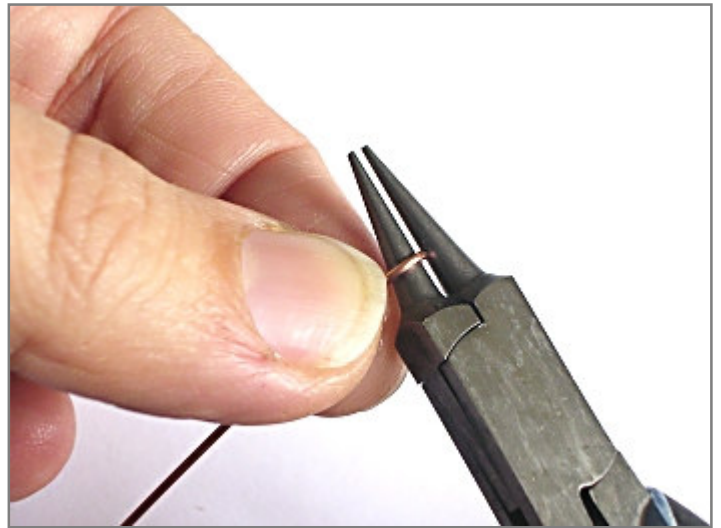
- Round nose pliers
- Flat or chain nose pliers
- Wire cutters

Tips

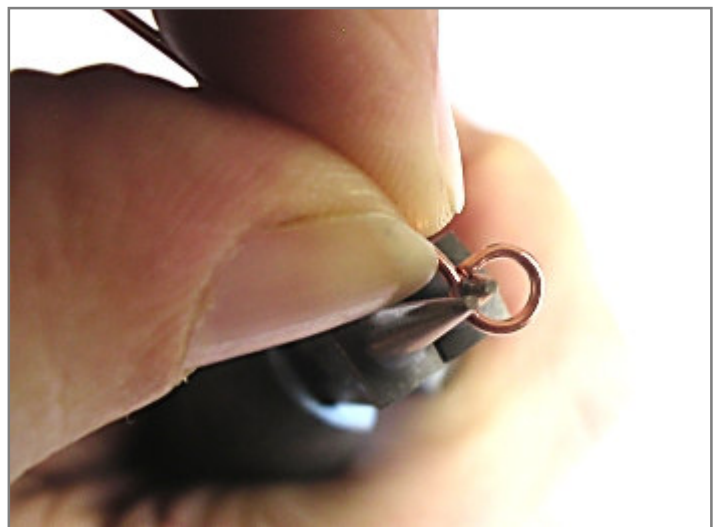
If you just want to make a single loop at one end i.e. if threading a bead onto a head or eye-pin, then begin at step 4.

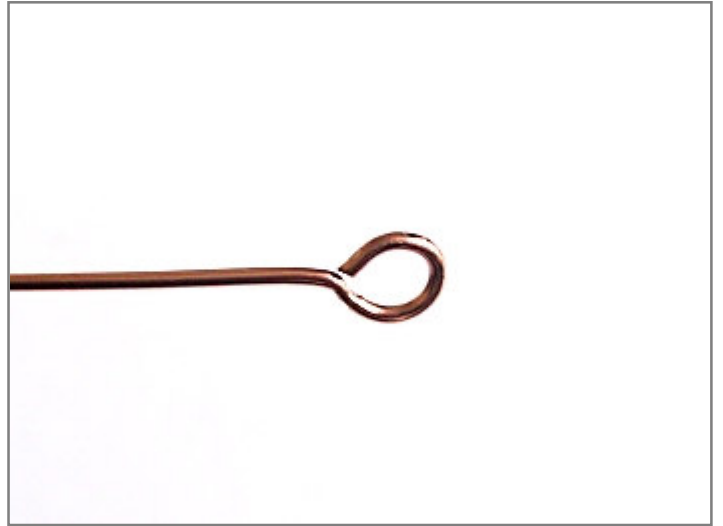
Steps

1. Cut a length of wire at least 1½ inches (4cm) longer than the bead you are using. Grasp one end of the wire with round nose pliers and turn the pliers away from you to begin forming a loop. Continue making a loop until the wire touches itself. You may need to reposition the pliers to do this.



2. Once you have made the loop, insert the tips of one of the jaws of the round nose pliers into it and straighten it so that it sits centrally above the length of wire. You may need to adjust the loop if it opens slightly.





3. Thread a bead (or beads) on to the wire and, holding it firmly against the loop already made, bend the rest of the wire against the top of the bead at a 90 degree angle. Trim this wire so that between $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (0.6cm) and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch (1.2cm) remains



4. Using the round nose pliers, turn the second loop as you turned the first.

