

the basics of beading - beginner!

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3 Simple Techniques

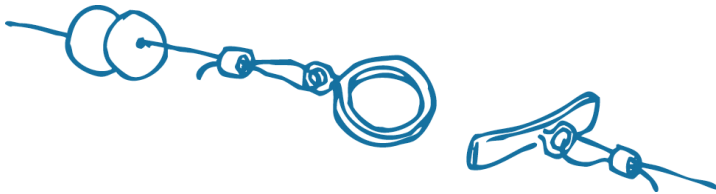
First you must choose the beads you like, have a nylon coated wire, clasp, crimps and a pair of pliers.

1 How to secure the clasp to the end of the necklace

Thread your chosen beads onto the wire, then thread on a crimp.



Pass the wire through the loop in the trigger clasp and back through the crimp.



Give the crimp a firm squeeze ideally with crimping pliers which will produce a small round shape (you can use chain nose pliers but will flatten the crimp), then cut off any excess wire.

If necessary hide any loose ends inside the nearest beads.

Tip: Put a drop of super glue in the beads where you are hiding the end of the wire to avoid the wire coming out.

Repeat at opposite end with the other part of the clasp.

First you must choose the beads you like, have ear hooks, head pins, a pair of pliers and cutters.

2 How to make ear-rings

Thread your chosen beads onto headpins.

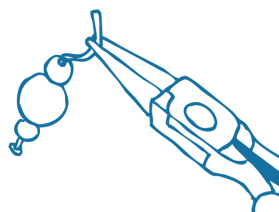
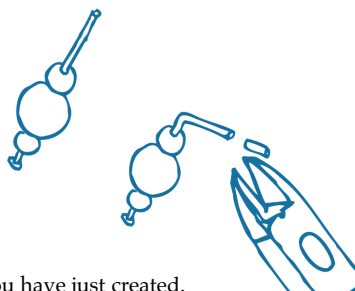
Using chain nose pliers bend the headpin over to at least 90 degrees close to the last bead.

Using cutters, cut about 1cm away from the bend you have just created.

Using round nose pliers grab the tip of your headpin, which should be pointing towards you.

Begin to roll your wrist away from you to create your loop.

You can now open the loop on your ear hooks and attach these to your headpin loop.



3 How to open a jump ring

If you don't want to lose the jump ring shape you should open it as follows -



Using two pairs of pliers push and pull either end away from each other as the diagram shows.

To close reverse the process, slightly over twisting to allow the wire to spring back into the correct position.

I'm sure you have done a fabulous piece!

Get dressed, put it on and look at yourself in the mirror and smile! You will have a lovely, unique woman(man) looking back to you!

Life is a gift! Enjoy yourself!

