



THE BEAD GALLERY'S "HOW TO..." SERIES

HELP IS AVAILABLE!

PLEASE ASK ONE OF OUR EMPLOYEES FOR GUIDANCE. HELP CAN MAKE YOUR SHOPPING AND LEARNING MUCH EASIER!

SUPPLY LIST:

- BEADS
- ONE YARD OF C-FLEX
- TWO CRIMP TUBES
- CLASP

TOOLS NEEDED:

- CHAINNOSE PLIERS
- WIRE CUTTER
- YOUR HANDS

HOW TO CRIMP

(IN ORDER TO MAKE A BRACELET OR A NECKLACE)

SO YOU WANT TO LEARN HOW TO CRIMP?

CRIMPING IS A WAY TO FASTEN A CLASP TO A BRACELET OR NECKLACE.

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS YOU CAN LEARN HOW TO CRIMP:

- A) USING OUR TOOLS, YOU CAN MAKE A NECKLACE OR BRACELET IN OUR CLASSROOM (IF THERE'S NO CLASS OR PARTY GOING ON) OR IN THE STORE, AND ONE OF OUR EMPLOYEES CAN DEMONSTRATE CRIMPING BY CRIMPING ONE END OF YOUR JEWELRY PIECE.
- B) YOU CAN ASK ONE OF OUR EMPLOYEES TO GIVE YOU A DEMONSTRATION, AND THEN YOU CAN GO HOME AND MAKE YOUR JEWELRY.
- C) YOU CAN TAKE A JEWELRY BASICS CLASS, WHERE YOU WILL ALSO LEARN HOW TO MAKE EARRINGS.
- D) YOU CAN TAKE THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND SOME SUPPLIES HOME AND LEARN ON YOUR OWN.

CRIMPING INSTRUCTIONS

(THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE FOR A BRACELET, BUT YOU CAN ADAPT THEM IN ORDER TO MAKE A NECKLACE.)

NOTE: PLEASE FEEL FREE TO USE A BEAD DESIGN BOARD IF YOU ARE DESIGNING YOUR BRACELET IN THE STORE. YOU'LL FIND SOME INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO USE IT IN OUR "HOW TO SHOP AT THE BEAD GALLERY" INSTRUCTION SHEET.

(READ THROUGH ALL OF THE STEPS BEFORE YOU BEGIN.)

STEP 1

ALTHOUGH YOU CAN STRING BEADS ON OTHER KINDS OF STRINGING MATERIALS, FOR THIS LESSON, USE C-FLEX. FIRST TAPE ONE END SO THAT THE BEADS WON'T FALL OFF AS YOU STRING THEM ON THE OTHER END OF THE C-FLEX. STRING A LITTLE LESS THAN SIX INCHES OF BEADS* ON YOUR C-FLEX. (BEFORE YOU ARE DONE, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TRY IT ON FOR SIZE, AT WHICH TIME YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ADJUST IT IF NECESSARY.)

NOTE: WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU STRING A SMALL BEAD ON AFTER EACH OF THE CRIMP TUBES, ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE GOING TO WEAR YOUR BRACELET A LOT. (YOU WILL PUT THE CRIMP TUBES ON IN STEP 2.) THIS WILL HELP TO REDUCE WEAR AND TEAR THAT WOULD RESULT FROM THE WIRE RUBBING ON THE SHARP EDGE OF THE CRIMP TUBES. **IF YOU DON'T DO THIS AND YOU ARE USING A TOGGLE,** YOU WILL HAVE TO USE A SMALL ENOUGH BEAD AT EACH END OF YOUR BRACELET TO ENABLE ONE END OF YOUR TOGGLE TO PULL FAR ENOUGH THROUGH THE OTHER END IN ORDER FOR YOUR BRACELET TO SUCCESSFULLY CLASP. YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BRACELET WILL CLASP BEFORE YOU PERMANENTLY FINISH IT.

STEP 2

STRING ON A CRIMP TUBE (AND, IF YOU CHOOSE, THE SMALL BEAD DISCUSSED ABOVE) AND PART OF YOUR CLASP.

STEP 3

LEAD THE WIRE BACK THROUGH THE SMALL BEAD (IF YOU USED ONE), THE CRIMP TUBE, AND THEN THROUGH TWO OR THREE MORE BEADS.

STEP 4

SLIP THE TAPE OFF AND DO WHAT YOU DID TO THE FIRST END TO THE OTHER END.

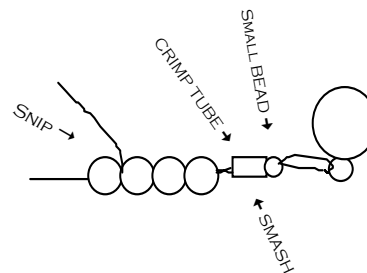
STEP 5

IF YOU ARE USING A TOGGLE, CHECK TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU CAN COMPLETELY PULL THE BAR END THROUGH THE OTHER END. NOW PULL OUT ALL THE SLACK SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY SPACES BETWEEN YOUR BEADS. NOW **CHECK THE SIZE!** ADD OR TAKE AWAY BEADS AT THIS POINT, IF NECESSARY. IF YOU NEED MORE LENGTH, BUT CAN'T ADD ANOTHER WHOLE PATTERN (THAT IS, IF YOU HAVE A PATTERN), JUST ADD SOME SMALL BEADS AT THE ENDS TO ADD LENGTH. STERLING SILVER OR GOLD-FILLED BEADS USUALLY WORK WELL FOR ADDING LENGTH.

STEP 6

IF YOU ADJUSTED FOR SIZE, ONCE AGAIN, PULL OUT THE SLACK. USING A CHAINNOSE PLIERS, SMASH THE CRIMP TUBES WELL. THEN, USING A SMALL WIRE CUTTER, SNIP OFF THE PROTRUDING WIRES. THAT'S IT. CONGRATULATIONS!

* FOR THIS LESSON, DON'T USE BEADS THAT HAVE TINY HOLES, SUCH AS PEARLS OR VERY TINY CRYSTALS, AT EACH OF THE ENDS OF YOUR JEWELRY PIECE. A THINNER SIZE C-FLEX WOULD BE NEEDED TO DOUBLE-BACK THROUGH THOSE BEADS AND WE DON'T SELL THE THINNER SIZE BY THE YARD.



BE SURE TO TAKE OUT THE SLACK BEFORE YOU SMASH THE SECOND CRIMP TUBE.