

Crimp Beads

A crimp bead is smaller than a crimp tube when flattened. Use a crimp bead if you do not have a crimping tool, or when you want a rectangle on each side of a "floating bead".



USING CRIMP BEADS: Thread on 1 crimp bead. Slip the wire through the clasp loop and bring the end of the wire back through the crimping bead. Leave about a 1/2 inch tail and push the crimp snug up to the loop. Squeeze the crimp bead flat using needle nose pliers. Pull to be sure it is secure. Thread the wire back through a couple beads then snip off excess.

Crimp Tubes

Use a crimp tube, finished with crimping pliers, when securing the ends of your wire, or to create a cylinder on each side of a "floating bead". A rounded crimp tube holds more securely than a flattened crimp.



You can use a crimp tube just like a crimp bead, but it will have a larger look.



Use Crimping Pliers to form a smooth finished crimp. Separate the wires so one will be on each side, then collapse the tube firmly in the U-shaped groove. Fold the tube back onto itself to form a cylinder using the oval groove.

