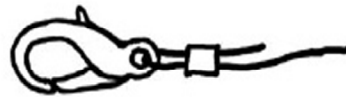


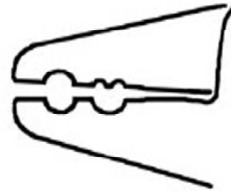
crimp bead technique: crimping pliers

Using crimping pliers instead of flat-nose pliers on a crimp bead results in a small double cylinder rather than a flattened square.

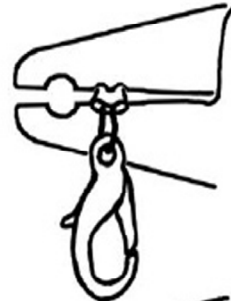
1. String on a crimp bead, and then a clasp. String the wire back through the crimp bead.



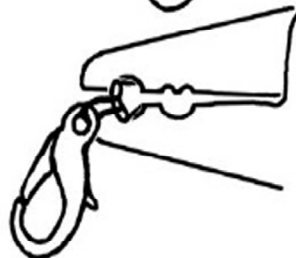
2. Take a look at the crimping pliers. Notice that the hollow closer to your hand is crescent-shaped; the other is circular.



3. Center the crimp bead in the crescent-shaped hollow and squeeze the pliers firmly.



4. Move the crimp bead to the outer hollow, and rotate it 90°, so that it sits vertically. Squeeze the pliers again.



5. Check that your crimp is secure by tugging on the clasp. If it slips, use flat-nose pliers to squeeze it a bit more. Refer to the flat-nose pliers technique for stringing the rest of your piece.

