

KEYWORD SEARCH

**CRYSTALLIZED™ - Swarovski Elements**

- Crystal Beads
- Crystal Pendants
- Crystal Components
- Crystal Pearls
- Crystal Sew-On Stones

**GLASS BEADS**

- Glass Beads
- Lampwork Glass Beads
- Cubic Zirconia Beads
- Artist Beads

**JAPANESE SEED BEADS**

- Round Seed Beads
- Seed Bead Shapes
- Delica Seed Beads

**NATURAL BEADS**

- Semi-Precious Beads
- Freshwater Pearls
- Wood, Shell, Horn, Bone
- Felt and Resin Beads

**METAL BEADS**

- Alphabet Beads
- Silver Beads
- Gold Beads
- Brass Beads
- Copper Beads
- Thai Hill Tribe Silver

**CHARMS AND PENDANTS**

- Silver Charms
- Gold Charms
- Brass Charms
- Copper Charms
- Stamping Blanks & Charms
- Pendants
- Buttons

**SILVER COMPONENTS**

- Findings
- Clasps
- Ear Wires
- Links, Caps, Components
- Bangles and Rings
- Artist Findings

## Techniques: Crimping

Want jewelry? Crimping is the fastest way to a beaded necklace or bracelet. Our step-by-step photos make it easy.

Beading Techniques > Stringing Techniques > Crimping



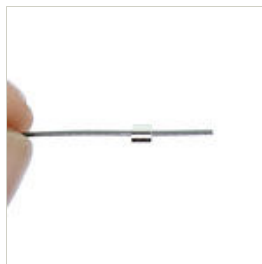
**Materials**

- Crimp Bead (we used a 2x2mm Sterling Crimp Bead)
- Beading Wire (we used .019 Clear Soft Flex)
- Beads
- Clasp

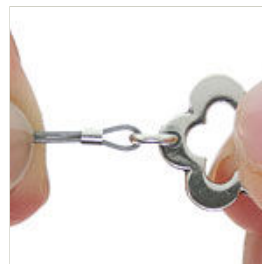
**Tools**

- Crimping Pliers
- Wire Cutters

**Tip:** The crimping tool has two notches in it--the back notch (closer to the handle) and the front notch (further from the handle). The back notch "crimps" the crimp bead and the front notch "rounds" the crimp bead.



**Step 1**  
String a crimp bead onto the Soft Flex.



**Step 2**  
String one end of the clasp on the Soft Flex. Then go back through the crimp bead, creating a loop around the clasp.



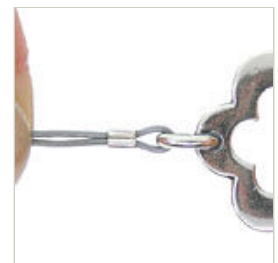
**Step 3**  
Make sure that the wires are lying parallel to each other. Place the crimp bead into the back notch.



**Step 4**  
Squish the crimp bead.



**Step 5**  
Turn the bead a quarter turn and place the crimp bead in the front notch.



**Step 6**  
Gently squish the crimp bead. This will fold the crimped bead over on itself.

**GOLD COMPONENTS**

- Findings
- Clasps
- Ear Wires
- Links, Caps, Components
- Bangles

**BRASS COMPONENTS**

- Findings, Clasps, Earwires
- Links and Components

**COPPER COMPONENTS**

- Findings
- Clasps
- Links, Caps, Components

**BASE METAL COMPONENTS**

- Findings

**STRINGING MATERIALS**

- Chain
- Wire
- Beading Wire
- Beading Thread
- Elastic and Cord
- Wire Lace Ribbon

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**Step 7**  
 Use the wire cutter to cut off the small tail of the Soft Flex.



**Step 8**  
 Once one end of your piece of jewelry is completed, string your beads onto the Soft Flex.



**Step 9**  
 When you have finished stringing all of your beads, use the same crimping technique on the other end of the wire to finish the piece of jewelry.

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