

How to Open and Close Jump Rings

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Opening and Closing Jump Rings properly helps maintain their round shape. It also allows for a strong hold on your finished jewelry.



Materials List

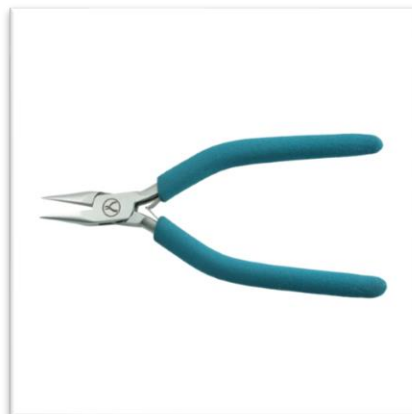
Jumprings

Tool List – Don't forget Safety Glasses!

2 pair Wubbers Classic Chain Nose pliers or Baby Chain Nose pliers

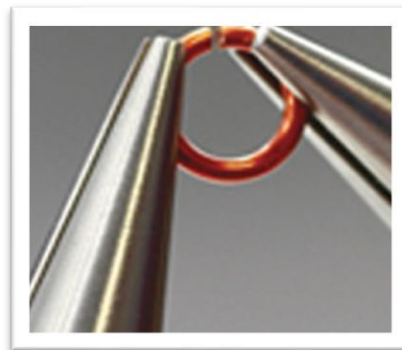
Step one

You need two pliers to open a jumpring. We recommend using either two Wubbers Classic chain nose pliers or two Wubbers Baby chain nose pliers, one in each hand.



Step Two

Hold a jumpring with your pliers, one on each side, with the opening at the top in the center. Your pliers should be at about a 45 degree angle.



Step Three

To open a ring, pull one hand toward you while you push the other hand away from you. Your ring is now open. Tip: If you are right handed, pull your right hand toward you. If you are left handed, pull your left hand toward you.



Step Four

To close the ring, move your hands the opposite way you did to open the ring. Move the ring past where the ends meet and back again. Move the ring back and forth a few times while pushing the ring together, until the ends meet. You may hear a click as the ring closes tightly together.

