

CHAIN MAKING

TRADITIONAL ROSARY CHAIN



Traditional chain for Rosaries is attractive and strong. Each link consists of two loops. The wire used here is 0.7mm silver plated brass. The chain and Rosary are made at the same time. Success depends on the wire for each new loop passing through the previous link/loop in the right direction. Otherwise the new link will be formed backwards and the chain fail.

YOU WILL NEED

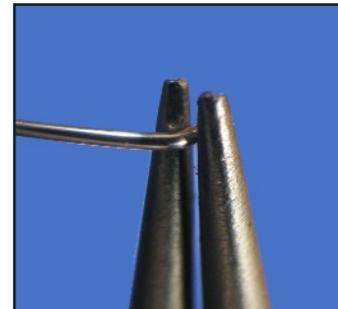
- Wire
- Round nose pliers.
- Side angle wire cutters.
- Flat nose chain or bent nose pliers (optional).

THE FIRST LOOP

1. Hold the pliers vertically and grip the wire 4-5mm from the plier tip.



2. Rotate the pliers away from you while, at the same time, with the other hand, bend the wire around the plier also away from you. This will produce a **P** shape loop.

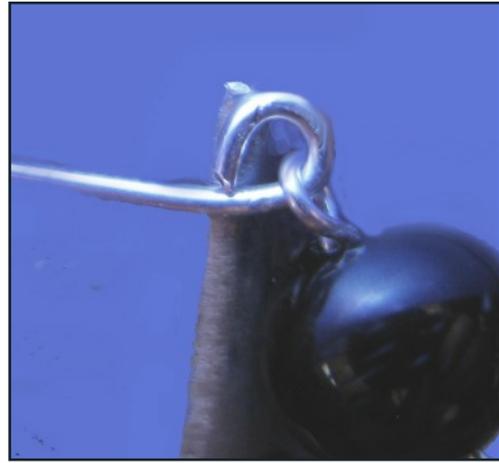


3 Open this loop and drop the bead loop through.

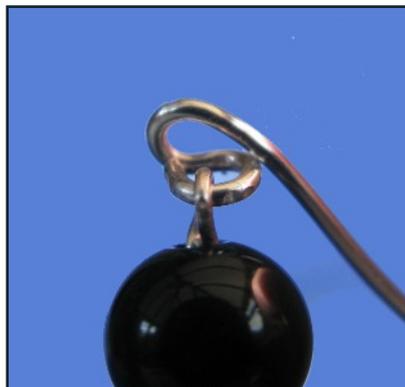


THE SECOND LOOP

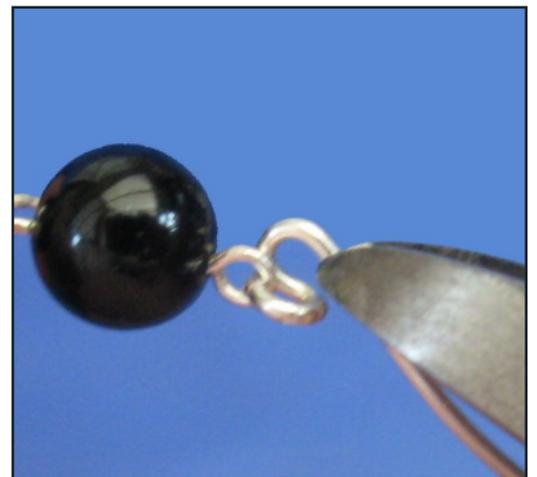
4. Holding the pliers vertically and the wire horizontally, Grip the first loop so the point where the loop joins is around 4-5mm from the tip of the pliers and the join point is at the edge of the plier barrel.



5. Rotate the pliers away from you while, at the same time, with the other hand, bend the wire around the plier also away from you.



6. Continue turning the wire until it meets the first loop.



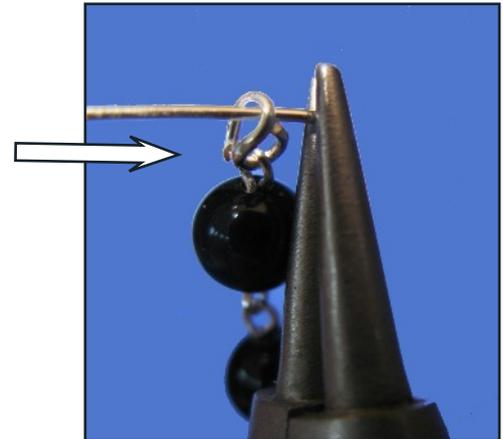
7. Cut the wire just above the first loop of the link and close the new loop by nipping it with pliers.

You have completed the first link.

TO FORM THE NEXT LINK

To begin a new link it is very important that the first link is facing the right direction as the wire is passed through the previous loop. Get this right and your chain will be neat and strong. Get it wrong on even one link and the chain will look disjointed and messy.

8. Let the bead loop drop into the arch of the first loop and pass the wire into the arch of the second loop



9. Repeat steps 1 - 6 forming new links as required.

10. After the last link, attach the next bead.



FINISHING THE CHAIN

11. The chain should be even in appearance but the links are too loose and need finishing by tightening the links.

With pliers (It is easier to do this with flat nose pliers) nip the two loops of each link at the pinch points shown.

