The Bead Hold
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HOW TO: Attach a clasp on flexible beading wire

INGREDIENTS :

- A selection of beads to fit your wrist or desired necklace length
- 40 - 60cm of tigertail/soft-flex
- 2 - 4 x crimp beads
- A clasp

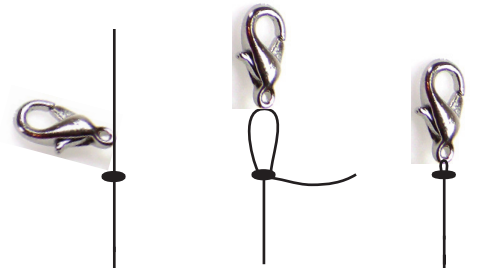### TOOLS
A Bead Mat to work on
Wire Cutters

1. Take a clamp or some sellotape (or just be careful!) and secure it at the end of your wire. Slide the beads to the end of the wire in whichever pattern you choose.

2. Check the length. Remember that the clasp and crimps will give extra length to the beads you have just strung. Once you are happy that the length will be correct, attach one end of the clasp.

- On the free end of wire, slide down a crimp and one half of your clasp.
- Take the end of the wire, turn it around, and pass back through the crimp. Pull tight until the there is just a small loop approx 4 -5 mm long
- Squash the crimp firmly with your chain nose pliers.
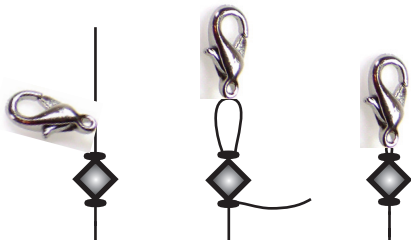

3. Double check the length, slide extra bead/s on or off if necessary.

4. Attach the other side of the clasp as above **with the bracelet/necklace curved**. If you attach the second side when the bracelet is straight it will be stiff and sometimes too tight to curve around your wrist/neck. Trim the excess wire closely.
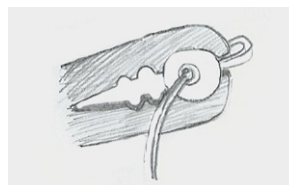
FOR EXTRA SECURITY . . .

- Use 2 crimps at each end instead of 1
- Use 2 -3 crimps interspersed with a bead for a nicer (and stronger) finish. This is also a better looking finish for floating necklaces.

FOR A TIDY FINISH . . .

Use Crimp covers - full details in the How To section of our website.