



The Bead Hold

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HOW TO: Use Crimp Covers

3mm crimp covers

- use on micro crimps

4mm crimp covers

- use on a single small crimp or 2 crimps if you are careful

5mm crimp covers

- use on large crimps, 2 small crimps or 2 large crimps if you are careful



Crimp covers are a great way to finish the ends nicely, especially for bracelets where the crimps are more visible. A crimp cover looks like a small snail shell to start with, and like a round bead at the end of the bracelet when you are done.

Crimp covers come in a variety of sizes and finishes and are also available in sterling and goldfill. You will find them under the 'Findings' section of our website.

Ideally you should use a pair of crimping pliers to attach crimp covers -this is easiest as the grooves hold the crimp cover well. However, you can be successful with your standard chain nose pliers, although it will be a bit trickier.

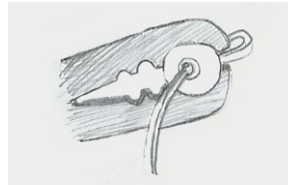
TIPS: make sure you have a a few extra crimp covers at hand - it is not unusual to have to use a couple per side (i.e. you have squashed one all wrong!) when starting out.

- I like to add both crimp covers at the end - make sure your wire loops are not too close to the clasp, as the crimp cover takes up a bit of extra room at each end.

1. Grip the crimp cover gently but firmly in your pliers, with the gap clearly to one side. Hover it over the crimp then move the pliers so the crimp is totally enclosed in the cover.

2. Gently but firmly squeeze the pliers so that the pressure makes the cover close up.

Once you get good, this will be one swift motion and a perfect round bead with a fine seam will be the result. To start off - you will need to grip and squeeze in a couple of places to get the cover to close properly and may have a few dimples as a result



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