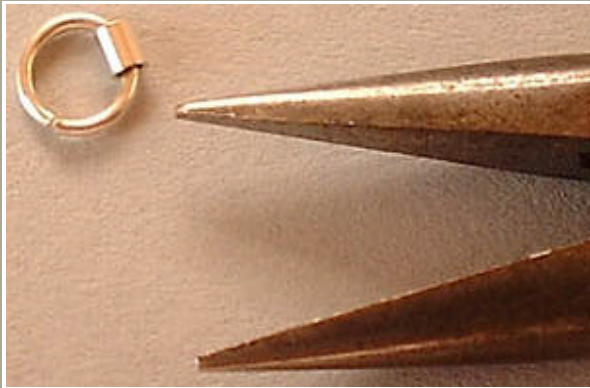


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Hints & Tips - Closing a jump-ring easily and effectively

Sometimes a jump ring can be a bit frustrating; without soldering, there is always that vulnerable 'cut' in the metal that can let your stringing slip through - a solution to this is to use a tube crimp over the gap.



Having opened your jump ring and slipped on a tube crimp, close this gently and fit the ends of the metal together as snugly as you can.



Squeeze firmly with your pliers.



The end product - this also works with larger beads and it is certainly worth experimenting as a variety of decorative effects can be obtained.