



How to Turn a Loop - Eye Pin Technique

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INTRODUCTION

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TOOLS:

- [Flush Wire Cutters \(1\)](#)
- [Side Cutters](#)
- [Small Chain Nose Pliers \(2\)](#)
- [Small Round Nose Pliers \(1\)](#)

PARTS:

- [Silver Filled 1.25 inch Eye Pin - 24 Gauge \(1\)](#)

Step 1 — Thread and Bend



- Thread a bead onto your eye pin.
- Using your chain nose pliers, make a 90 degree bend just above your bead.

Step 2 — Remove Excess Pin Tail



- Use side cutters to cut the wire, leaving a tail that's about one third of an inch long.

Step 3 — Turn the Loop



- Position your round nose pliers at the end of the tail, making sure the tail faces away from your body. Wrap the wire towards you to create a loop.

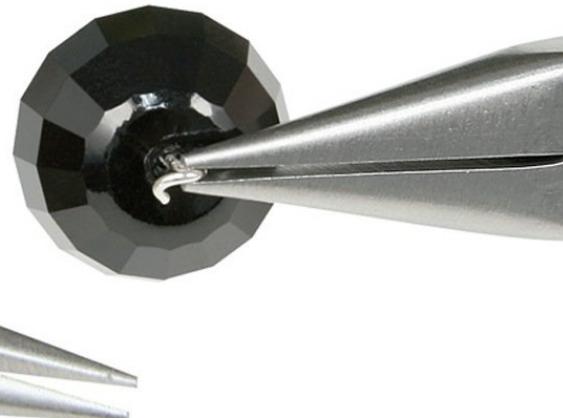
Step 4 — Align Loops



- When making a link like this you'll want both loops to face the same direction. To do this, grip each loop

with a pair of chain nose pliers and just twist until your loops are where you want them.

Step 5 — Opening and Closing the Loop



- To open and close the loop, you can use chain nose pliers and gently twist it open from side to side.

Practicing these steps will help you to get the loop tight against the bead, and the loop size consistent.