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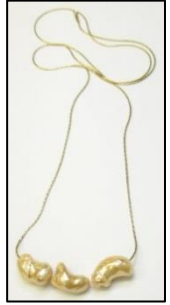


Attaching Crimp Ends to Snake Chain

Snake chain is a tightly linked chain thin enough to be strung through many types of beads. Add one fancy bead and you have a quick & delicate necklace.

Because it does not have open links for attaching jump rings, it must be finished by attaching small crimp ends with loops that are used for adding the clasp.

While the instructions for this may be simple, the trick is keeping the chain from falling out while folding the ends of the crimp over each other.



We recommend using the rounded end of a crimp tool, which also allows you to get a nice rounded look for the finish, but you can also use chain nose pliers.

Tip for Beginners: apply some clear glue to the chain and crimp, and allow it to dry before crimping. This helps keep the chain in place while maneuvering with your tools and trying to hold everything together in a very small space.

ATTACHING THE CRIMP END

1. Place the chain inside the entire length of the crimp end. Avoid letting the chain extend beyond this. If the chain covers the loop portion you'll find it difficult to snip the small part of chain later without damaging the loop.
2. Holding the chain and crimp end together, place the crimp in the rounder part of the crimp tool so the notch in the tool grabs one side of the crimp. Gently squeeze along this side, making sure the crimp is grabbing the chain.



3. Now place the other side of the crimp in the rounding notch of the crimp tool and fold this side over.



4. When both sides are folded and have a firm hold on the chain, use the rounder notch of the crimp tool and rotate around the crimp end to give it a more finished, rounded look.

