Tips For Working with Memory Wire

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Memory wire is a hardened steel wire that is tempered to retain its shape. It is available in choker, bracelet and ring sizes as well as different finishes.

CUTTING MEMORY WIRE

Because of its hardness, **DO NOT cut** memory wire with regular wire cutters. Memory wire is a hardened steel wire and will nick regular wire cutters.

To cut memory wire: use **Memory Wire Cutters** that are specially made for cutting hard wire, or

Bend the wire back and forth until it breaks.

Memory Wire Cutters

MAKING LOOPS IN MEMORY WIRE

Regular round nose or chain nose pliers can be used to make loops at the ends for finishing. We recommend using **Round Hollow** pliers, especially if you do a lot of designing with memory wire. These pliers have one jaw that is concave so there is less stress on the wrist when bending and turning.

Round Hollow Pliers

FINISHING MEMORY WIRE

Memory wire can be finished simply by making loops at the ends. Be sure to allow at least ½ inch of wire for making the loop. You can also add an extra dangle or two for a nice finish.

Memory wire end caps are also available. They are small beads that are drilled half way that can be glued on to the ends.

Memory Wire
End Cap

Memory Wire finished with
loops and dangle