Working with Memory Wire

**Tips For**

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.

**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.

**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.