

HOW TO MAKE A PIGTAIL LOOP TO CLOSE A NAIL

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How to form a pigtail loop on a jewelry nail or pin?

Forming a pigtail loop on a jewelry nail or pin is the key to creating DIY costume jewelry. This essential technique allows you to hang beads on a chain, create pendants and charms, or make beautiful dangling earrings. You can choose between the simple loop or the pigtail loop. The pigtail earring is stronger. It will hold up better, especially on jewelry that is under a lot of stress. It is this pigtail ring that we suggest you make in our video.



Which jewelry nails to choose?

There are four types of jewelry nails:

- The ball head nails: This metal rod ends in a small ball.
- Flat head nails: as its name suggests, its head is completely flat.
- The round head nails: it is the one that ends with a ring.
- Fancy nails: it can end with a flower, an arrow, a spiral, a leaf...

We find these nails in various materials such as silver 925, stainless steel, brass, gold-plated, gold-filled ... The stainless steel will be the most resistant to torsion, you will need a good pair of pliers to work it.

Choose your nails according to the material and the color of your jewel, but also according to the diameter of the hole of your pearls.

Be careful the shank must go through without encountering any obstacles and the head must stop the bead (and not go through!).

To make a charm or a pendant, choose a ball head nail, a fancy nail or a flat head nail.

To make a spacer, choose a round head nail.

Which material to use for How to make a pigtail loop to close a nail?

SUPPLIES



Pince ronde manche pailleté
Ref. : OUTIL-134
Quantity : 1



Chain Nose pliers
Ref. : OUTIL-467
Quantity : 1



Cutting pliers Flush cutter Econo
Ref. : OUTIL-472
Quantity : 1

steps

★ Step 1/6

Thread the bead onto the nail. (0:44)

★ Step 2/6

Using the round tip pliers, make a 90° angle just past the bead. (0:56)

★ Step 3/6

Wrap the wire around the clip, which will form a loop. (1:03)

★ Step 4/6

Use a flat-tipped pliers preferably to wrap the wire. (1:20)

★ Step 5/6

Once you have made several turns, come and cut the excess wire flush with a wire cutter. (1:59)

★ Step 6/6

Crush the protruding stem end with the flat pliers to nestle it under the ring. Your pigtail is ready! (2:19)

Result