

Basic Wire Skills by Connie Fox

Jump Ring Variations

What You Need

- 16 or 14 gauge jump rings
- Chasing hammer
- Steel bench block
- Chain nose pliers
- Flat nose pliers
- Twisted wire - gauge of your choice

Hammered Jump Rings

Using your chasing hammer and the steel bench block, hammer the jump rings until the bottom section of the ring is flattened (photo to the right). The ring opening will spread and you'll need to work the ends back together with that back and forth motion. As an alternative, you can flatten the whole ring. If a lot of hammering is needed to get the desired effect, stop occasionally and work the jump ring ends together, then continue hammering.



Twisted Wire Jump Rings

Experiment with different gauges of twisted wire to make your jump rings. Hammer the rings to add strength.



Multiple Jump Rings

Use 2-3 jump rings together to make a very strong link.



Please contact me if these instructions aren't clear so adjustments can be made.

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