Ball + Chain Projects

Ten Inspirational Ball Chain Themed Projects
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Tools
Excellent tools for the demands of detailed jewelry-making.

Chain Nose Pliers
Tapered tips reach into small spaces. Perfect for twisting, squeezing and shaping. Also called long nose pliers.

Round Nose Pliers
Great for twists, coils and loops. Also called internal pliers.

Wire Cutters
Suitable for cutting and trimming wire up to 1.6mm, jewelry findings and head & eye pins. Also called side cutter pliers.

3 in 1 Combination Tool
Internal plier for twisting coils and loops. Groove closes coils & bends wires at right angles. Cutter trims wire, findings, etc.

Crimping Pliers
Two grooves to close and finish crimp beads.

Bead Reamer
Used to clean out clogged holes in beads. Beading needles can sometimes be used for this purpose too.
**Earring Findings**
The choice is all about the finished look.

- Fish Hook
- Kidney Wire
- Lever Back
- Ear Post w/Nut
- Ear String
- Hoops
- Chandeliers
- Ear Clips

**Clasps & Fasteners**
Clasps & Fasteners hold the look together! Magnetic clasps, toggles and s-hooks make the piece easier to take on and off.

- Magnetic
- Lobster
- Barrel Clasp
- Spring Ring
- Toggles
- S-Hooks
- Trailer Hitch
- Filigree
Connectors

**Eye Pins**
Ideal for making chains. Thread beads on pin leaving about 1/4” of bare pin. Form loop at open end using round nose pliers. Then add to another eye pin charm, earrings, necklaces, etc.

**Head Pins**
Ideal for creating charms. Thread beads on pin, leaving about 1/4” of bare pin. Form loop at open end using round nose pliers. Then add to eye pin charm, earrings, necklace, etc.

**Jump Rings**
Connects two loops. Tip: To open a jump ring, do not distort or weaken the ring by pulling in a side-to-side motion. Instead, pull one side toward you and the other away from you.

**Double Rings/Split Rings**
Connects 2 loops - slips on like a key ring.
Endings
Essential for providing appropriate “endings” to strands within various types of jewelry designs.

Crimp Beads & Tubes
Ideal for ending a strand of beads. Thread stringing material back & forth through crimp bead. For best results, flatten crimp bead then round using crimping pliers.

Double Cup Connectors
Also called bead tips. Ideal for hiding knots and connecting to closures.

End Crimps (End Connectors)
Ideal for use with hemp, leather or ribbon cording. Fold over ends with a dab of glue to hold cord in place.

Cones
Used for connecting the ends of multi strand projects. The cones hide the knots.

Crimp Coil Necklace End
Ideal for use with leather cord. Crimp springs to hold onto cord.