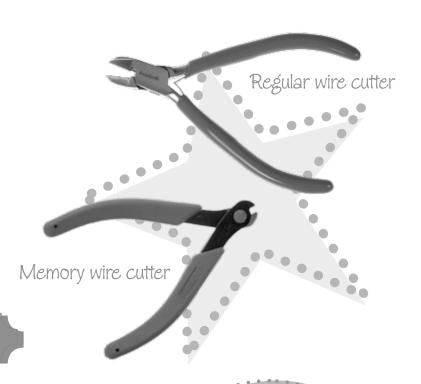
CHAPTER 4

Get Wired

Make your style unforgettable.

Who knew jewelry could have a memory? Memory wire actually remembers its shape. You don't even need any clasps or other findings. The jewelry just wraps into place. The wire comes in different widths to fit around your toe, ankle, finger, wrist, arm, and neck. Your wraparound jewelry will be totally fabulous.



Making the Cut

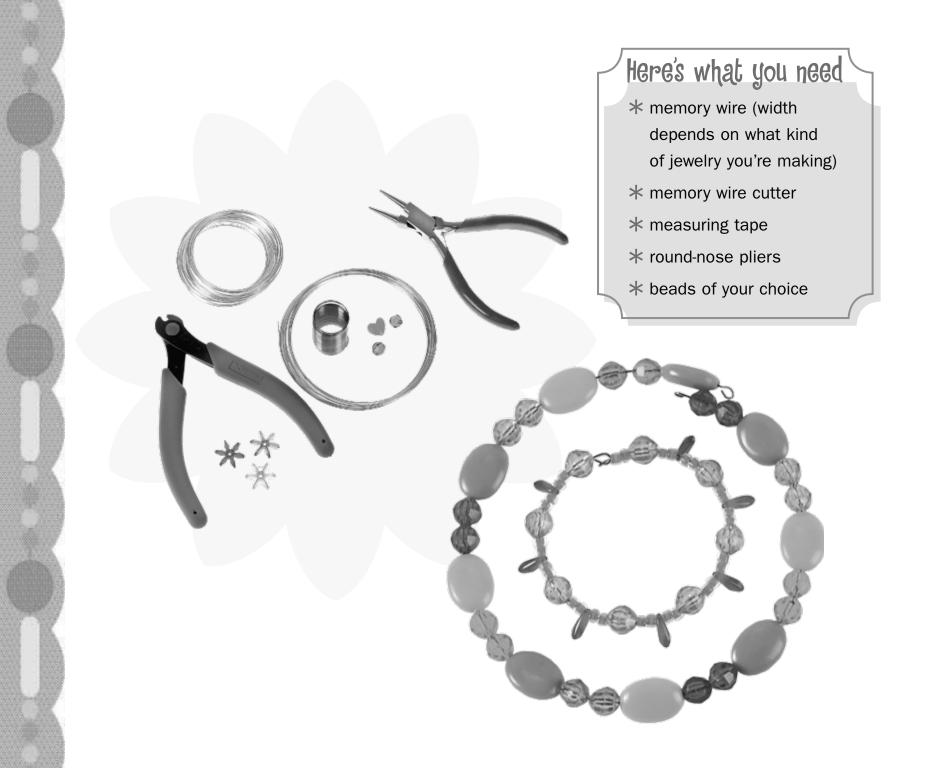
Ordinary wire cutters won't cut it for memory wire. Memory wire is too hard and will ruin regular wire cutters. Instead, use a cutter made just for memory wire.



Lead Me to the Beads

Having a tough time finding what you need to bead? You don't need to have a bead specialty store in your town. More and more craft stores are carrying large selections of beads and supplies. You can find tools like pliers, wire, and wire cutters at your local hardware store. And ask your parents if it's okay to log on. You'll find a lot of beads and supplies for sale on the Internet.





Here's what you do

- 1 Using the memory wire cutter, cut a piece of wire for the jewelry you want to make. Remember that it should be long enough to wrap around the intended body part at least once. For armbands and anklets, the wire should be long enough to wrap around twice. No matter what kind of jewelry you're making, leave ¼ to ⅓ inch on each end for looping.
- 2 Using the round-nose pliers, make a small loop at one end of the wire.
- 3 Thread the beads onto the wire until you have about ½ inch of wire left.

 Trim the extra wire down to about ¼ to ⅓ inch.
- 4 Use the round-nose pliers to loop the end of the wire, and your piece is ready to wear.

Getting Loopy?

Looping wire and eye pins with round-nose pliers will take your jewelry designs in new directions.

Remember that the size of the loop will depend on how far down on the nose of the pliers you are looping the wire. The closer to the handles, the larger the loop will be.

