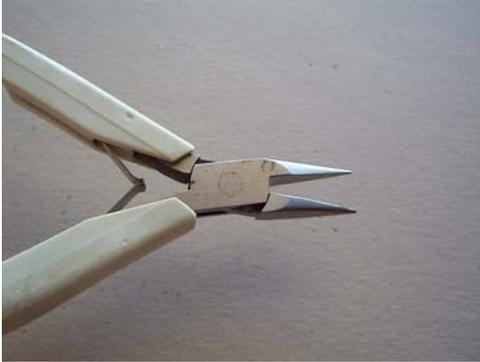
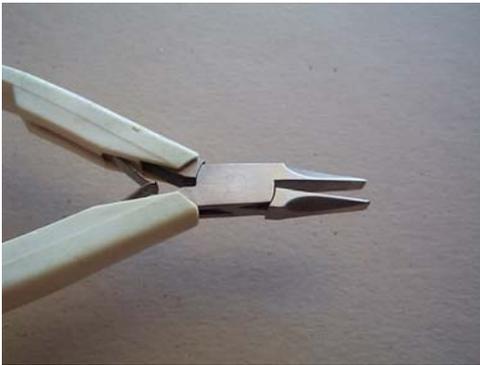


Chain Making Tools



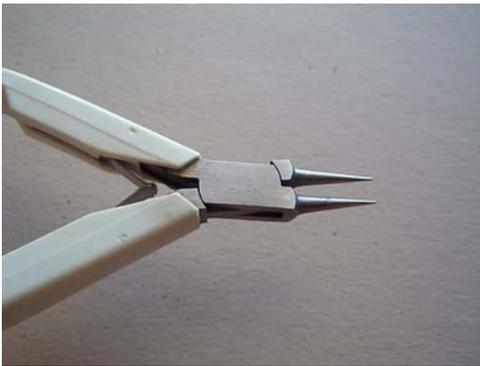
Chain Nose Pliers

When making chain, I use a pair of chain nose pliers in my dominant hand. That is the hand that does most of the work, and needs to get into the smaller spots.



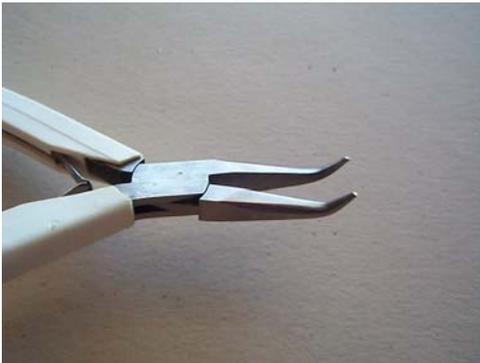
Flat Nose Pliers

I use a pair of flat nose pliers in my non-dominant hand. I look using them because they have a large surface area for grasping the ring, and hold it nice and flat so it does not get distorted easily.



Round Nose Pliers

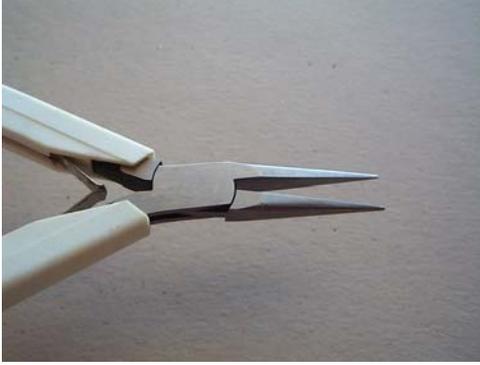
Round nose pliers are used primarily for making loops.



Bent Nose Pliers

Bent nose pliers are good for making the wraps in a wrapped loop.

They also may be substituted for the pair of flat nose pliers when making chain. You will want to hold them “backwards” and use the surface below the bent tip to hold the ring in your non-dominant hand.



Long Chain Nose Pliers

These are handy for getting into small spaces when making micro-maille with 22 ga or 24 ga rings.



Flush Cutters

One of the most important tools that you can own. When purchasing a pair, you will want to check how thick of wire they can cut and make sure it meets your present, as well as future needs.



End Cutters

Another type of wire cutters, but not as good for fine work, as they cannot get into tight spaces as well as flush cutters.



Jump Ring Tool

A jump ring tool can be worn above the knuckle of your finger, and may be substituted for one of the pair of pliers required when closing jump rings.

Most jump ring tools will not accommodate 16 ga or larger wire.



“Rocket” tool

The “Rocket” tool is actually a watch making tool, but the point comes in very handy as a substitute for an awl when doing advanced chain maille weaves.



Crimp Pliers

Crimp Pliers are used primarily when stringing, but they also come in handy to “tuck” in the tail of the wire when you are making wrapped loops.



Wire Gauge Tool

This tool is used to measure wire gauges. It comes in very handy if you keep multiple sizes of wire in stock.