

Two-strand strung bracelet featuring the Xuron 4 in 1 Crimper

The Xuron 4 in 1 Crimper is a great tool for all your bead-stringing projects. It has a crimping station, three folding stations (for 1mm, 2mm, and 3mm crimp beads), and a bonus chain nose plier. The advantage to this crimper over other tools is how tight the crimp is before folding. You'll never have a wire slip out! I do recommend using good quality crimp beads. Get subpar beads, and you'll get a subpar crimp, no matter how good the tool is.



Materials list: 60-72 4mm fire polish beads or bicones, 10 6mm fire polish beads or bicones, 4 Czechmates two-holed bricks, toggle clasp, 4 crimp beads, 2 10" pieces of wire

Also needed: Beading mat, Xuron 4 in 1 Crimper, wire cutters

Using the Xuron 4 in 1 Crimper:



The tip of the pliers is the chain nose plier. This is great for guiding the wire into the crimp bead.

The three round notches are the folding stations for 1mm, 2mm, and 3mm crimp beads.

The V notch is the crimping station.

Note: The following instructions show crimping using a crimp tube instead a crimp bead as included in the kit so you can see it better.

1. String a crimp bead and the loop of the clasp on the wire. Fold the wire over and pass it back through the crimp bead. The loop should be a little loose so the clasp will move freely, and the end of the wire should just peek out of the crimp bead.
2. Place the crimp bead in the crimping station and press down. It's easiest if the pliers are positioned as shown above with the crimping station forming a "V" (instead of a "^"). You may need to crimp twice depending on the length of your bead.
3. Turn the bead 90° and insert it in one of the folding stations. The second position will work fine for the crimp beads in this kit. Press down to fold the two halves of the crimp bead together. Again, you may need to fold twice depending on the length of your bead.



Step 2



Step 3



Making the bracelet:

1. Crimp one end of the wire on one half of the clasp as shown on page 1.
2. String the beads as shown in the picture below. See the following chart for how many 4mm beads to use at each end of the bracelet for the length you need:

7.0": 3 (this will be a little more than 7.0")
7.5": 4
8.0": 5 (this will be a little less than 8.0")
8.5": 7

Remember to use the same number of beads at the end of the bracelet.

Note: The center of the bracelet has two 4mm beads on either side of the 6mm instead of three.



3. Crimp the wire on the other half of the clasp. Leave a little bit of room between the crimp bead and the last 4mm bead added so the beads can move a little. Otherwise the bracelet will be too stiff and will twist. Trim the excess wire.
4. Repeat steps 1-3 for the second strand, stringing through the open holes of the two-holed bricks. Be careful not to twist the piece as you add the beads and as you crimp.



Now you have plenty of practice crimping with the Xuron 4 in 1 Crimper! If you'd like to purchase one, check out my booth at bead shows, my website, or my Etsy shop. I also carry Xuron Fireline scissors (they provide perfect cuts and will never dull!) and Xuron split ring pliers (far superior to the "normal" split ring pliers). If you don't see the tool you're looking for, e-mail me at the address below so I can order more!

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