

Making Head Pins

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Cut several 2" lengths of wire and set aside. Fill a shallow bowl with water.

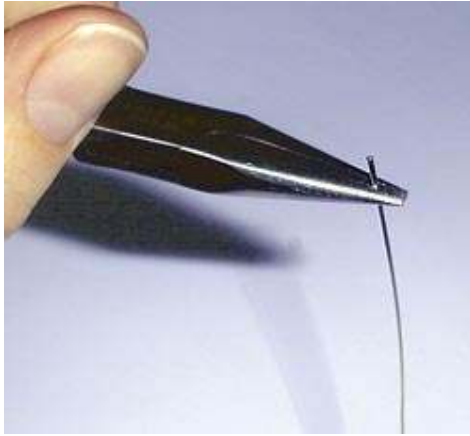
Set up your work surface so you can make head pins in a quick, assembly-line fashion. Place your tools, cut segments of wire, and bowl of water so all are within easy reach.



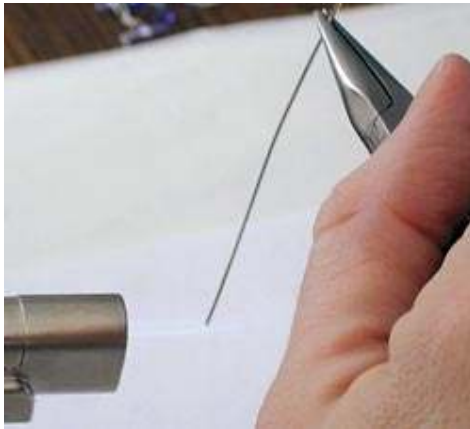
Place your torch on a non-flammable work surface and have it pointing away from you and anything flammable.

Pick up one of the precut pieces of wire with chain nose pliers, grasping the wire close to the tip.

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Ignite the torch. Bring the end of the wire into the flame just until the end balls up.



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Do not touch the wire with your hands.



Immediately drop the silver head pin into the bowl of water to cool. And that's it! You've made your first head pin.

Repeat Steps 1-3 to create as many head pins as you need and then some. And while you're at it, why not make several different sizes — gauges and lengths? You'll always have exactly what you need when you need it.