

ALTERNATIVE CRIMPS

Brand	Variations	Max. # strands	Max. Wire size	Size	Price	Sources	Tools Needed	Comments
Magic Findings®	silver-plated*, gold-plated*, sterling silver, and 14k gold-filled	7	.19 inch	3mm (hole to hole) Diameter: 3.5mm Hole Size: .644mm/22gauge (each of 7 holes)	\$1.89-2.86 each	MegabeadStore.com KatyBeads.com	Magic Findings Pliers* (\$19.95-29.60)	https://www.firemountaingems.com/resources/videos/bc7g U-shaped Omega inserts also available in sterling silver and 14k gold filled
Scrimp® Findings	silver-plated, copper plated (oval only), or gold-colored metal	2	.024 inch	3mm bullet, 4.5mm round, and 3.5mm oval; inside diameter is approximately 1.04mm (.041 in), and will accommodate one or two strands of up to .024 inch diameter beading wire	\$.19-.55 each	Beadalon.com	Screwdriver (included in \$3.49 findings kit)	https://www.jewelrystupply.com/How-to-Use-Scrimps-Video_p_16118.html Cable end (with loop), memory wire, and magnetic versions also available
Screw-Tite Crimps®	Silver-, gold-, gunmetal-, and copper-plated copper; gold- and silver-plated brass (barrel style only); stainless steel	2-3	.024 inch	3 mm rectangle (plated brass only), 4mm round, 3.5mm barrel, 4.5mm round (stainless steel rounds only) Hole size is approximately 1mm; will accommodate one or two strands of up to .024 inch diameter beading wire	\$.20-.48 each (\$1.21-2.19 each for stainless steel rounds)	FireMountainGems.com	Screwdriver (included in \$4.51 findings kit)	https://www.firemountaingems.com/resources/videos/727g Cable end cone (with loop) and other clasps also available. Will successfully crimp 3 strands of .019" Accu-Flex 49-strand beading wire.

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Bead Buddy® CrimpLoks®	Silver- or gold-colored	2	.018 inch	3mm x 2.5mm (2.5mm hole to hole)	\$1.00	Beadbuddy.com Michaels.com	Flat- or chain-nosed plier	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xlhTyuLreY Reviewers reported that some CrimpLoks were defective. Once “locked,” they cannot be unlocked for re-use. Sold in packages of 8; Some sources are “out of stock”
2 x 2mm Crimp Tubes with Magical Crimp Forming Tool	Soft Flex® Crimp Tubes (heavy walls): Sterling silver, gold filled, sterling silver, black oxidized, or copper; Beadsmith Magical Crimps (base metal) and regular base metal crimps: Black oxide, copper color, silver color, gold color; Other suppliers sterling silver, gold filled	2	.024 inch	Outside diameter 2mm-W x 2mm-L; “heavy walled” crimps have inside diameter of 1.2mm	Soft Flex® Crimp Tubes Based on the current metal market price; (Example price per crimp on 5/15/21: Silver \$.20, Gold \$.40, Copper \$.14, SS Black Oxidized \$.21); Magical Crimps \$.02 Other suppliers Prices vary by metal and wall thickness	SoftFlexComp.any.com Beadsmith.com Hobbylobby.com Amazon.com	Magical Crimp Forming Tool \$19.95 for regular or \$21.49 for ergonomic model (\$16 on amazon); Universal® Magical Crimper \$19.43	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4EwUcJdAI58&t=222s Magical Crimping Pliers come in 2 sizes: ER940 Beadsmith (ergonomic green handle) for .014” - .015” flex wire; PL950 Beadsmith or Universal (Regular has blue or yellow handle; ergonomic has purple handle) for .018” to .024” diameter flex wire; ergonomic are a half inch longer (5” vs. 4.5”)

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Feature	Magic Findings	Scrimp Findings	Screw-Tite Crimps	Bead Buddy CrimpLoks	Magical Crimp Forming Tool
Sterling Silver	✓				✓
14K Gold Filled	✓				✓
Silver Plated		✓	✓		
Gold Plated			✓		
Copper					✓
Copper Plated		✓	✓		
Gold Colored Metal		✓		✓	✓
Silver Colored Metal				✓	✓
Copper Colored Metal					✓
Black Oxidized Metal					✓
Gunmetal Plated			✓		
Stainless Steel			✓		
2 mm					✓
2.5mm				✓	
3mm	✓	✓	✓		
3.5mm		✓	✓		
4.5mm		✓	✓		
.014" wire					✓
.015" wire					✓
.018" wire	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
.019" wire	✓	✓	✓		✓
.024" wire		✓	✓		✓
Price	High	Medium	Medium	High	Low to High
Available?	✓?	✓	✓	✓?	✓