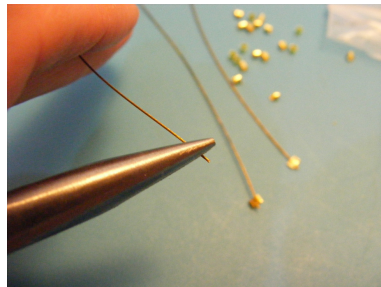
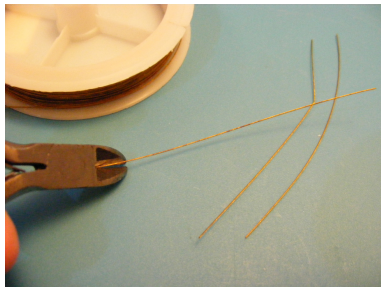


## Jewellery making 2 - Bead 'drops' using tiger tail

**Hazards – sharp tools, choking risk from beads and strangulation risk with tiger tail.**

NOT suitable for children under 4. Supervision recommended at all times with children under 12.

Making a drop with tiger tail:



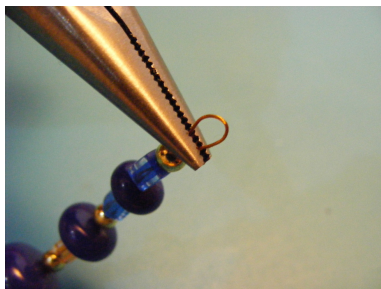
1. Use cutters to cut three lengths of tiger tail

2. Use long nose pliers to squeeze one crimp on the end of each piece



3. Thread beads onto one of the tiger tail pieces. Leave 2cm of tiger tail spare then add another crimp

4. Thread the tiger tail back through the crimp and into the last bead



5. Tightly squeeze the crimp to create the hanging loop

6. You have made a single 'drop'. Repeat steps 3 to 6 with the other tiger tail pieces. Trim any loose ends



7. Use the drops singly or join using a split ring to make a 'cluster' – finish with an earring hook or add to a necklace

## Materials and equipment

- reel of tiger tail – your choice of colour
- cutters – combination pliers or tin snips
- long nose pliers – for crimping
- beads of your choice
- crimps
- to finish: earring hooks or add to a necklace

## Other ideas & tips:

- Tiger tail is a fine steel cable with a plastic coating. Handle it carefully to avoid making a 'kink'
- Make sure the crimps are squeezed tight – otherwise the beads will come off
- Coloured tiger tail can look pretty – you can leave gaps between beads using extra crimps for a delicate look
- Tiger tail and crimps can 'catch' fine material such as silk - do not wear this jewellery next to delicate fabrics