



Sara Hardin is available online at www.softflexcompany.com for expert advice in creating jewelry. Simply click the "Ask Sara" button to email your questions about designing jewelry. Soft flex now has a new Chat Room. If you would like to talk to Sara in the Chat Room, email her at sara@softflexcompany.com to work out a time and day to meet!



Crimps, crimps and more crimps....crimps always seem to be every designer's Achilles Heel. We manufacture many sizes in crimp tubes and it can be very confusing. So let me guide you through it and then you will never have to feel confused again!

Our Soft Flex Crimp Tubes are double the wall thickness of most on the market. They are also seamless. I have found that 9 times out of 10 if a customer tries our Crimp Tubes, he or she returns time and time again for more!

We have 3 sizes in crimping pliers these days. The Micro Crimping Pliers for 1x1, the Original Crimping Pliers for 2x2 and 2x3 and the Mighty Crimping Pliers for 3x3, 3x4 and 3x5. When reading the size of a Crimp Tube, the first number designates the inside diameter and the second number designates the length of the tube!

We have 1x1 Crimp Tubes and Micro Crimping Pliers for our Soft Touch .010 or for anchoring a small bead into place on any of our thicker diameters. All you have to do is crimp on either side of the bead or beads that you are anchoring down. This has become a pretty popular style when using our 24K Gold Flex Wire or our Sterling Silver 925 Extreme Flex Wire.

We have 2x2 Crimp Tubes and the Original Crimping Pliers for attaching a clasp onto our .014 or .019. You can also use to anchor a larger bead or beads into place on any of our diameters.

The 2x3 Crimp Tubes and the Original Crimping Pliers will attach a clasp on our heaviest diameter, .024. A lot of times .024 will fit into a 2x2, but 2x3 is longer and gives you more surface area of nylon for the crimp to grasp.

The 3x3, 3x4 and 3x5 Crimp Tubes with the Mighty Crimping Pliers are for multi strand designs. You can attach 5 strands of .024 or 10 strands of .019 or 15 strands of .014 to one single strand clasp by using any of these Crimp Tubes. If you are using a lot of strands or if they are very thick, you may want to consider using the longer tubes.

If you still need further assistance, I am always available for questions. Just stop by www.softflexcompany.com and click on the bright red Ask Sara button! Crimping doesn't need to be that hard!

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