

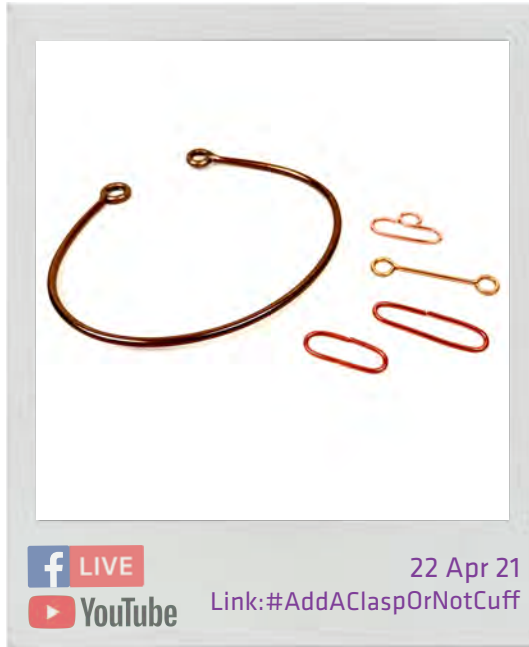


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AddAClaspOrNot Cuff (#16-21)

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[The third in my Bring It On!!: A Month of Challenging Elements Made SuperCool designs is AddAClaspOrNot Cuff! And the challenge element? The Leopard Head Clasp! Gosh! What a beautiful finding! I learned so much designing this cuff and the solution ended up being a new KISS Principal: **Keep It** (the design solution) **Simple** and **Stiff!** LOL! (We'll keep it kind and leave the name-calling from the original version behind!) Good thing we've got the Live Broadcast to share more about the design and engineering process that made this challenge so, well, challenging!]



Materials

- Aluminum Wire, 12 gauge
 - Copper [SKU 74720001-02]
 - Orange [SKU 74720001-10]
- OR
- Aluminum Wire, 18 gauge
 - Silver [SKU 74720002-00]
 - Copper [SKU 74720002-02]
 - Lt. Copper [SKU 74720002-03]
 - Black [SKU 74720002-04]
 - Orange [SKU 74720002-10]
- Leopard Head Clasp [SKU 260 01404-10]

Tools

- John Bead Pro Line Pliers/Cutter Set [SKU 74527341]
 - Round nose [SKU 74527301]
 - Chain nose [SKU 74527300]
 - Side-cutter [SKU 74527320]
- Nylon Jaw Pliers [SKU 74527322]
- Metal Complex Hammer, nylon [SKU 74529456]
- Metal Complex Bench-block, 4" [SKU 74529401]
- AddAClaspOrNot Cuff pattern [Hand Tool version @ Bead Projects & PDF's from John Bead Facebook group] or [Jig version @ www.BrendaSchweder.Etsy.com]



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Directions

Create the AddAClaspOrNot Cuff Elements

1. Cut three 8-10" lengths of 12-gauge aluminum wire with a cutter. [Alternately, cut 12-15 18-gauge lengths for the open version.] [Note: Cut 8", 9" or 10" lengths for adding clasp/s or focal/s; cut 12" lengths for open styles.]
2. Referencing the AddAClaspOrNot Cuff pattern, form the cuff elements with a round nose pliers to match the setup. [Note: Form the end-loops to the inside or outside, depending on the aesthetic desired.]
3. Cut and deburr the ends with a wire rounder or needle file.
4. Hammer flat and harden with a nylon hammer and bench block.

Create the Appropriate MidConnector OR EndConnector Findings

1. Cut a 4-6" length/s of 18-gauge aluminum wire with a cutter.
2. Referencing the AddAClaspOrNot Cuff pattern, form pairs of any of the three findings elements with a round nose and chain nose pliers to match the setup. [Note: Depending on the clasp or focal, choose the MidConnector; depending on the aesthetic desired, choose either EndConnector1 (either width for a simpler ending) or 2 (only form one end to start, to be used should you like to add embellishment).]
3. Cut and deburr the ends with a wire rounder or needle file.
4. Hammer flat and harden with a nylon hammer and bench block.

Add the Clasp/Focal or Connectors

1. Open and close the loops of one cuff element around the clasp loops on both sides so that the cuff and clasp form a complete circle.
2. Repeat until all the elements are attached [three is the maximum when using the 12-gauge aluminum wire.] [Note: the MidConnector should be used when extra movement is needed.]

Add the EndConnectors

1. Collect and align all the loops from the multiple cuff elements.
2. To finish with EndConnector1, open and close the connector around the cuff element loops, adding half to one side at a time and hiding the opening inside the loops.
3. To finish with EndConnector2, insert the connector into all the cuff element loops, then turn a loop to the opposite end to match the first loop and keep the cuff elements from falling off.
4. Optionally: Adorn the loops with tassels or charms.

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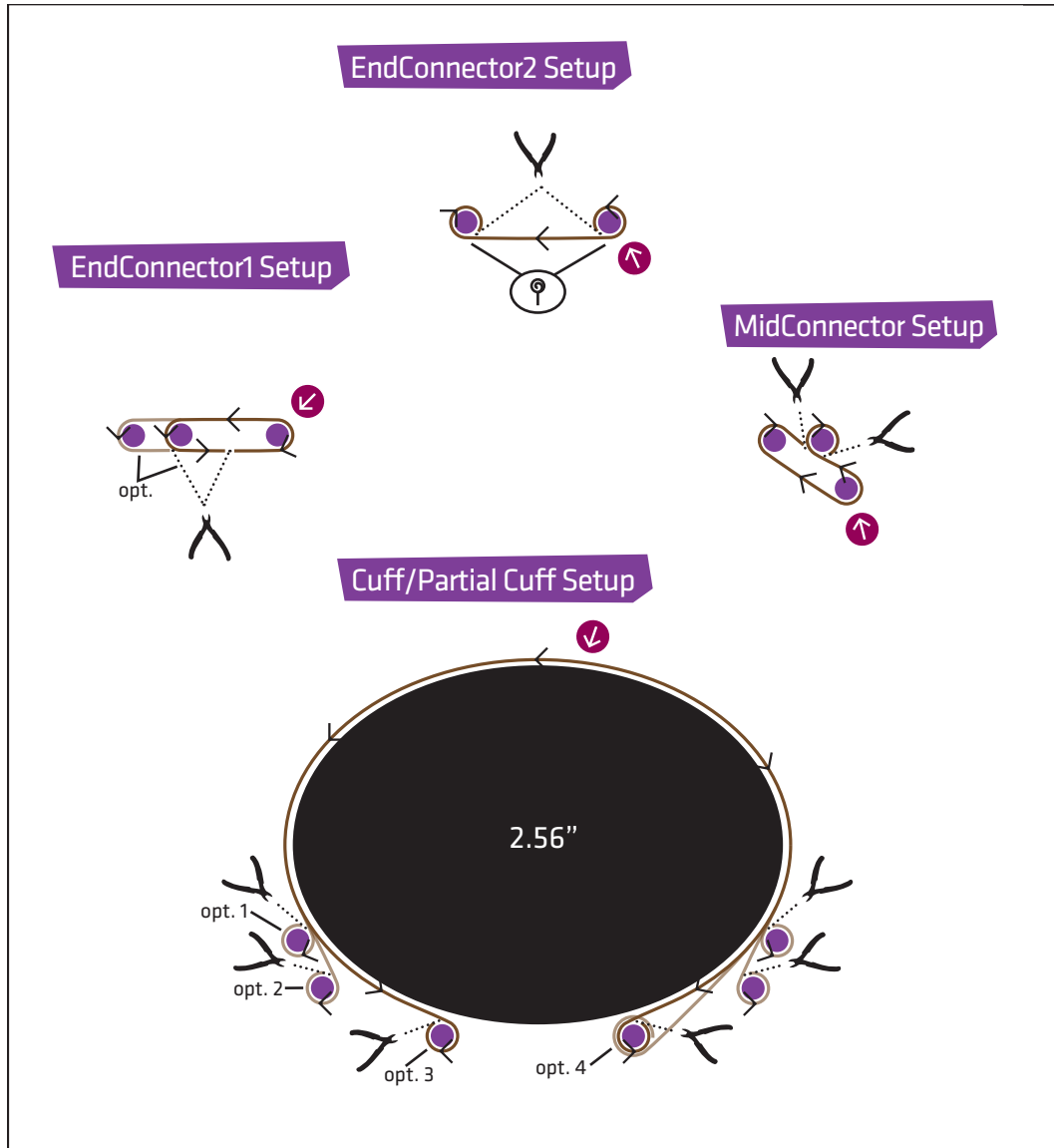
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• Cuff/Partial Cuff Setup
• FocalWire (8-10") length, center wire 16-20g steel 12-18g other

• EndConnector1 Setup
• FocalWire (5") length, 2" ▼ 20g steel 18g other

• MidConnector Setup
• FocalWire (5") length, 2" ▲ 20g steel 18g other

• EndConnector2 Setup
• FocalWire (3") length, 1" ▲ 20g steel 18g other



Measurement Legend	
●	1/32"
●	1/16"
●	1/8"
●	3/16"
●	1/4"
●	1/2"
●	3/4"
●	1"

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- Wrap/Bind
- Mirror Image
- LollipopOnTop
- Lead Length / Direction
- End / Cut Here
- BuildOut / BuildIn



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