

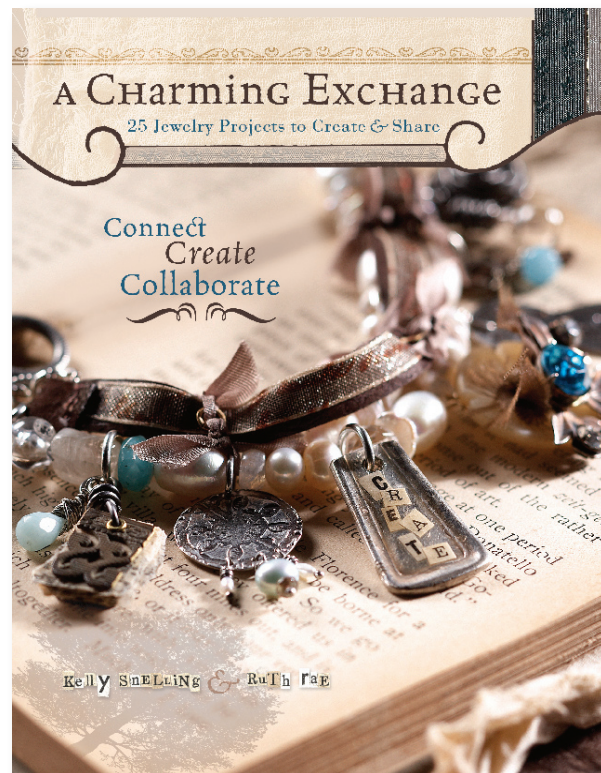
Making Swirl Clasps

When you're creating jewelry, so many of those purchased findings seem not quite right. Learn to create your own swirl clasp finding with the help of Ruth Rae and Kelly Snelling in *A Charming Exchange*.

Turns out that many jewelry findings are a snap to make, including this swirl clasp. See for yourself with this simple four-step technique from Kelly Snelling and Ruth Rae, authors of *A Charming Exchange*.

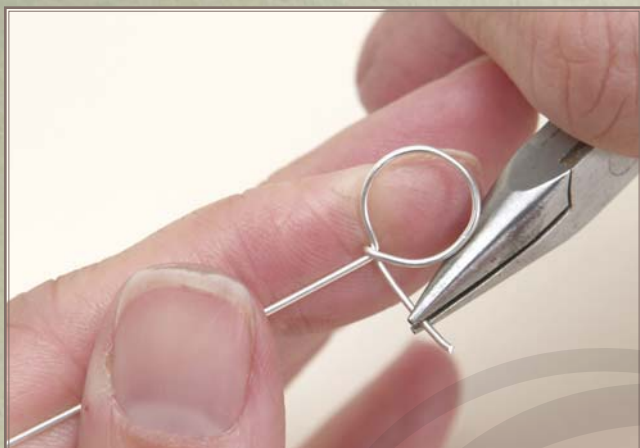
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Swirl Clasp



{1} CREATE LARGE LOOP

To create a hook, cut 6" (15cm) of 18-gauge wire and wrap it around the $\frac{3}{8}$ " (10mm) dowel about 1½" (4cm) from the end. Wrap the tail around the base of the large loop.



{2} HAMMER LOOP

After wrapping it one and a half times, create a tiny loop on the end of the wire and bend it up into the circle. Hammer the loop.



{3} BEND WIRE AND WRAP AT BASE

At 2" (5mm) from the circle, bend the wire, and wrap the wire at the base of the circle.



{4} BEND WIRE TO FORM HOOK

Trim the excess from the tail if needed. Then create a hook from the folded piece, using the round-nose pliers. (Bend the tip of the hook back a bit to complete it.)

