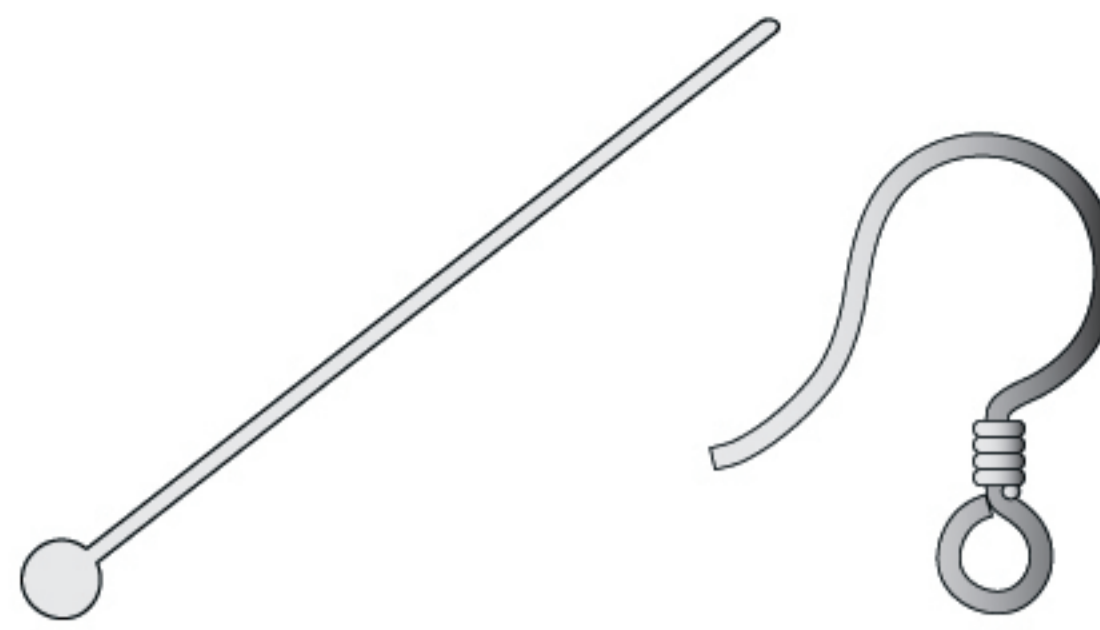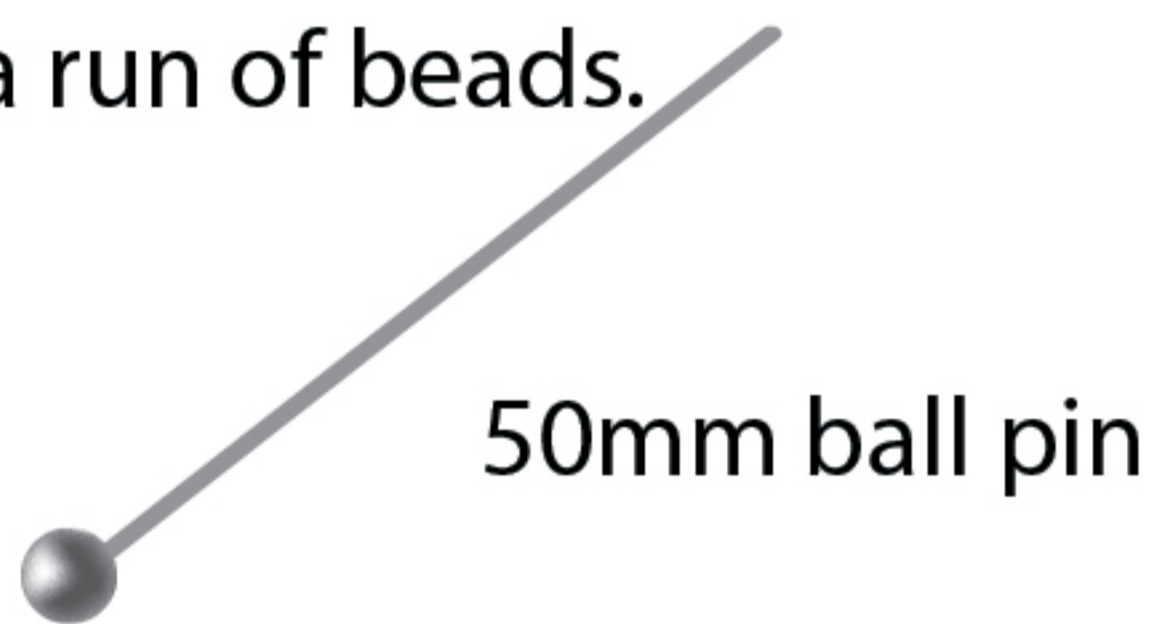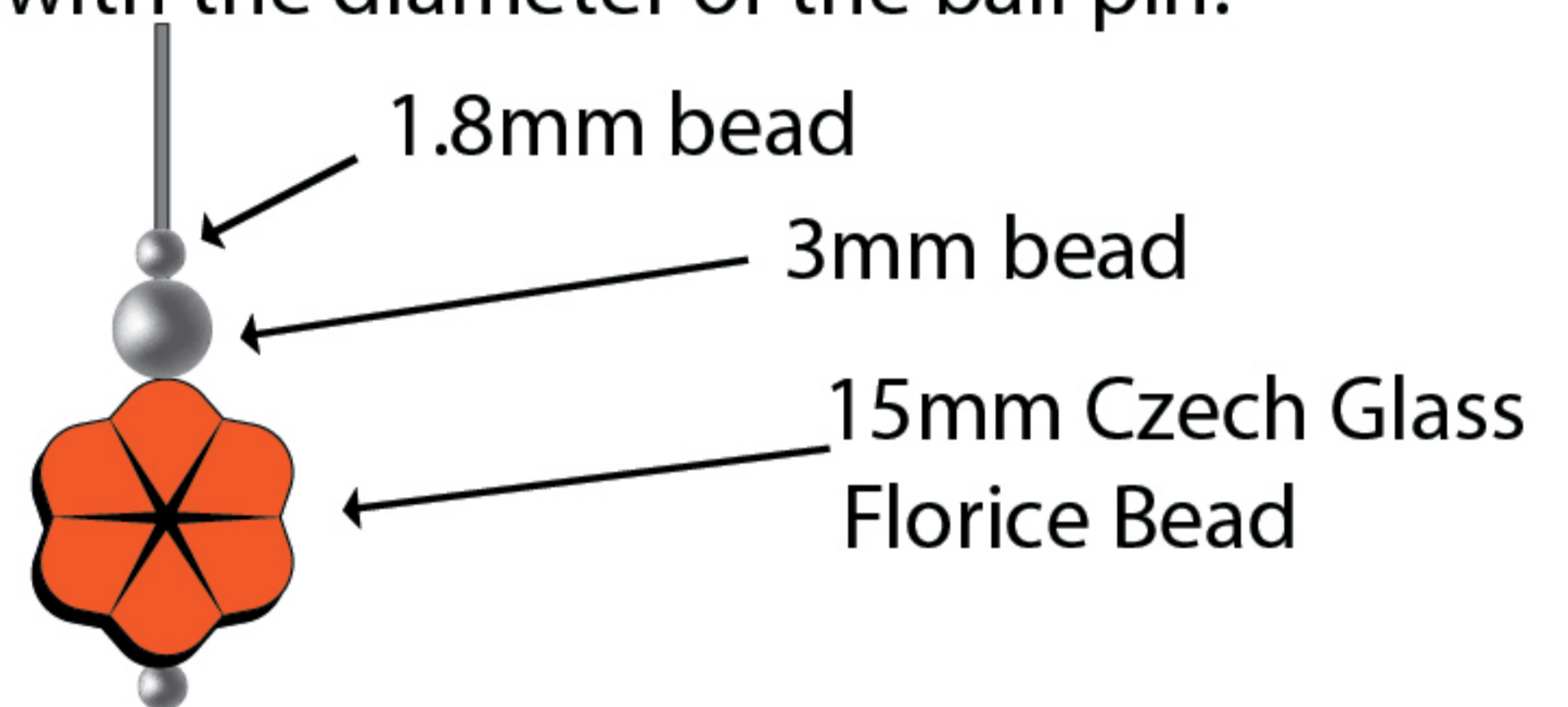(.925) Ball Pin 50mm.
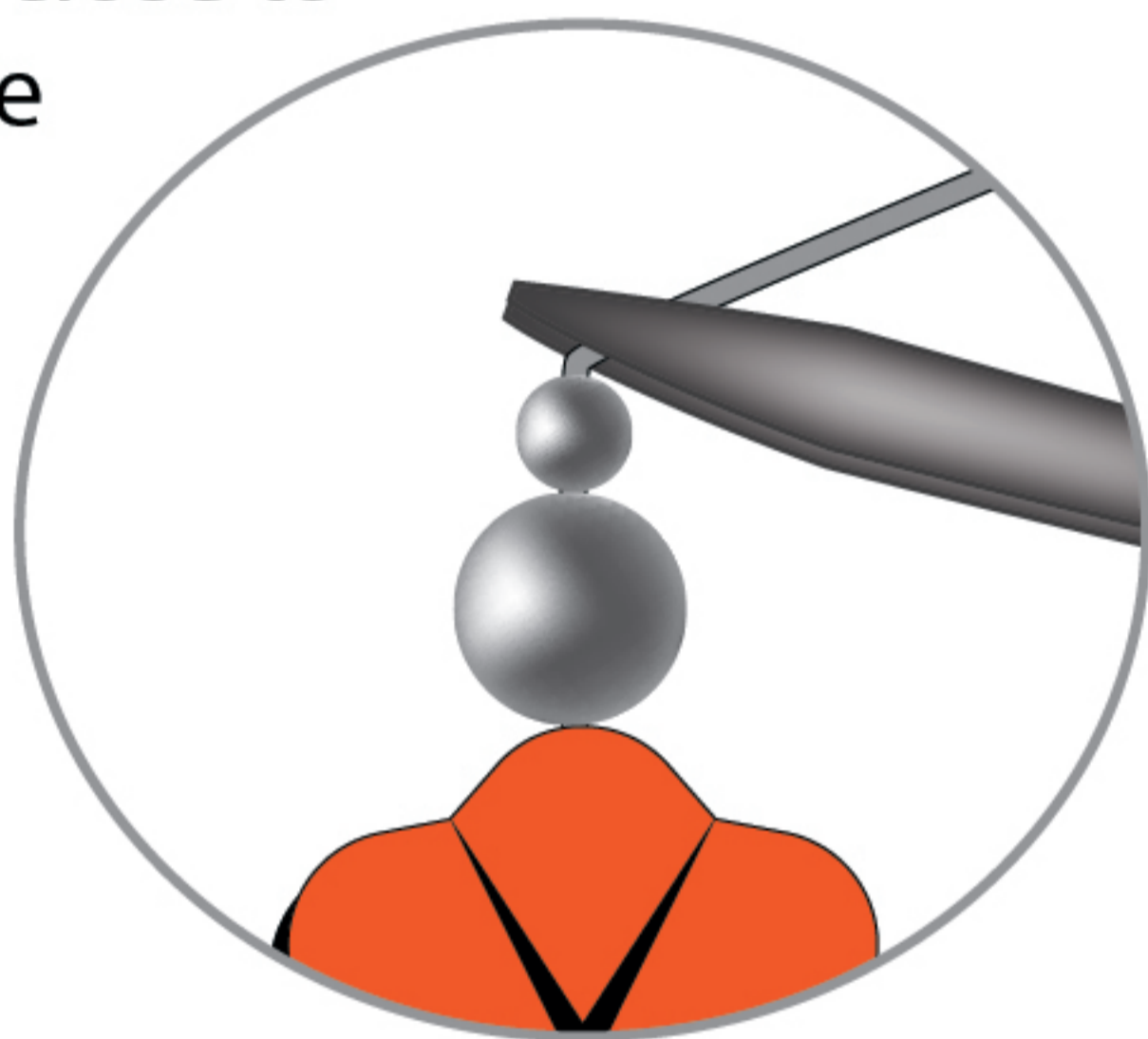(.925) French wire.

Easy Florice Earrings.

Ball pins are 0.5mm diameter hard wire, 50mm long. A round bead is an integral part at the bottom as a stopper. This is for the beads that are threaded on. Ball pins are suitable for threading a heavy bead, or a long bead, or a run of beads.
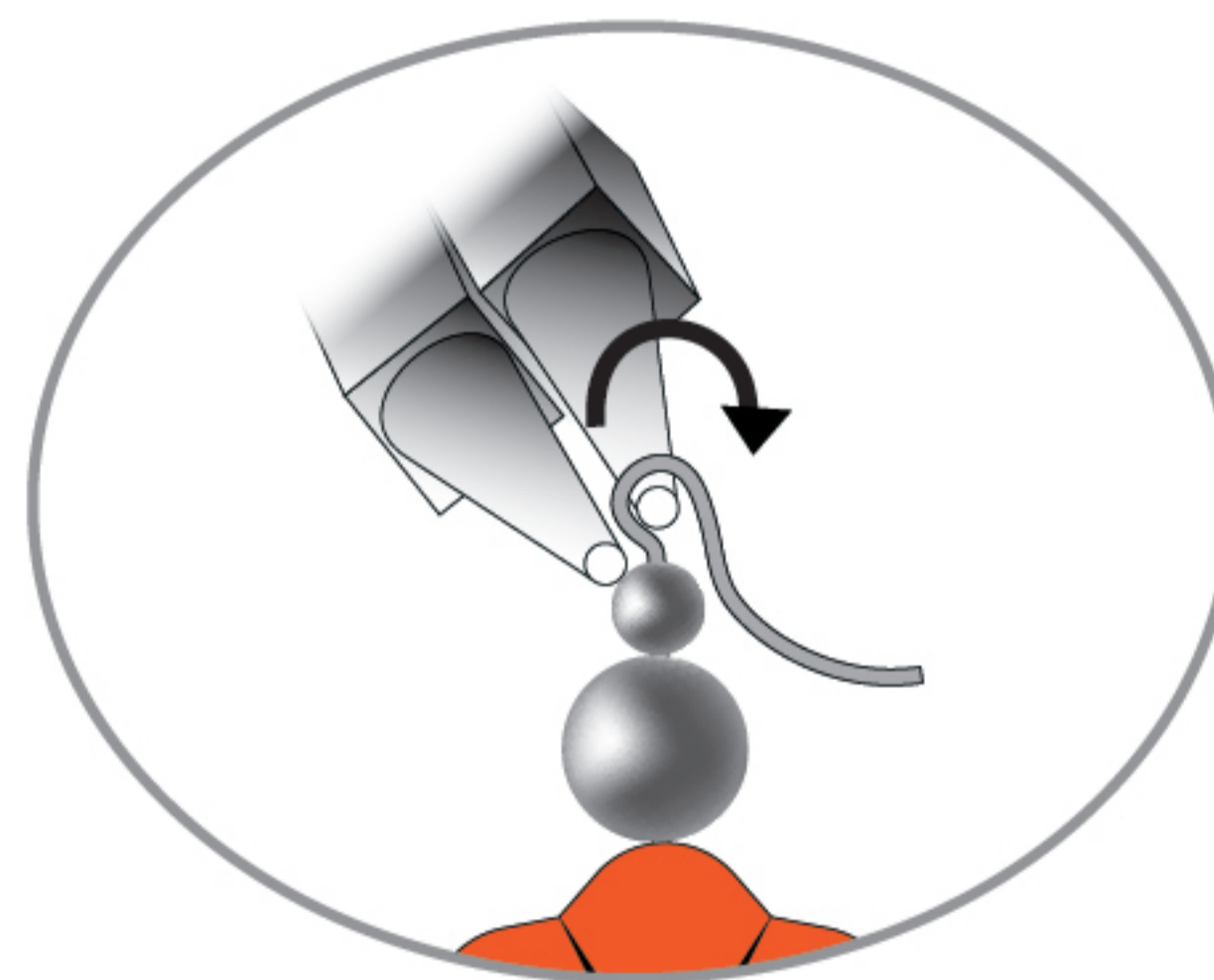
50mm ball pin

1. Take one ball pin and thread on your beads. Finish off with a small bead. A 1.8mm bead, as this will give a visually attractive finish, as the beads taper, creating a size graduation,that blends with the diameter of the ball pin.

1.8mm bead

3mm bead

15mm Czech Glass Florice Bead

2. Holding the threaded beads in one hand, use chain nose pliers to grip the ball pin very close to the top of the 1.8mm ball and gently bend the wire 90 degrees.
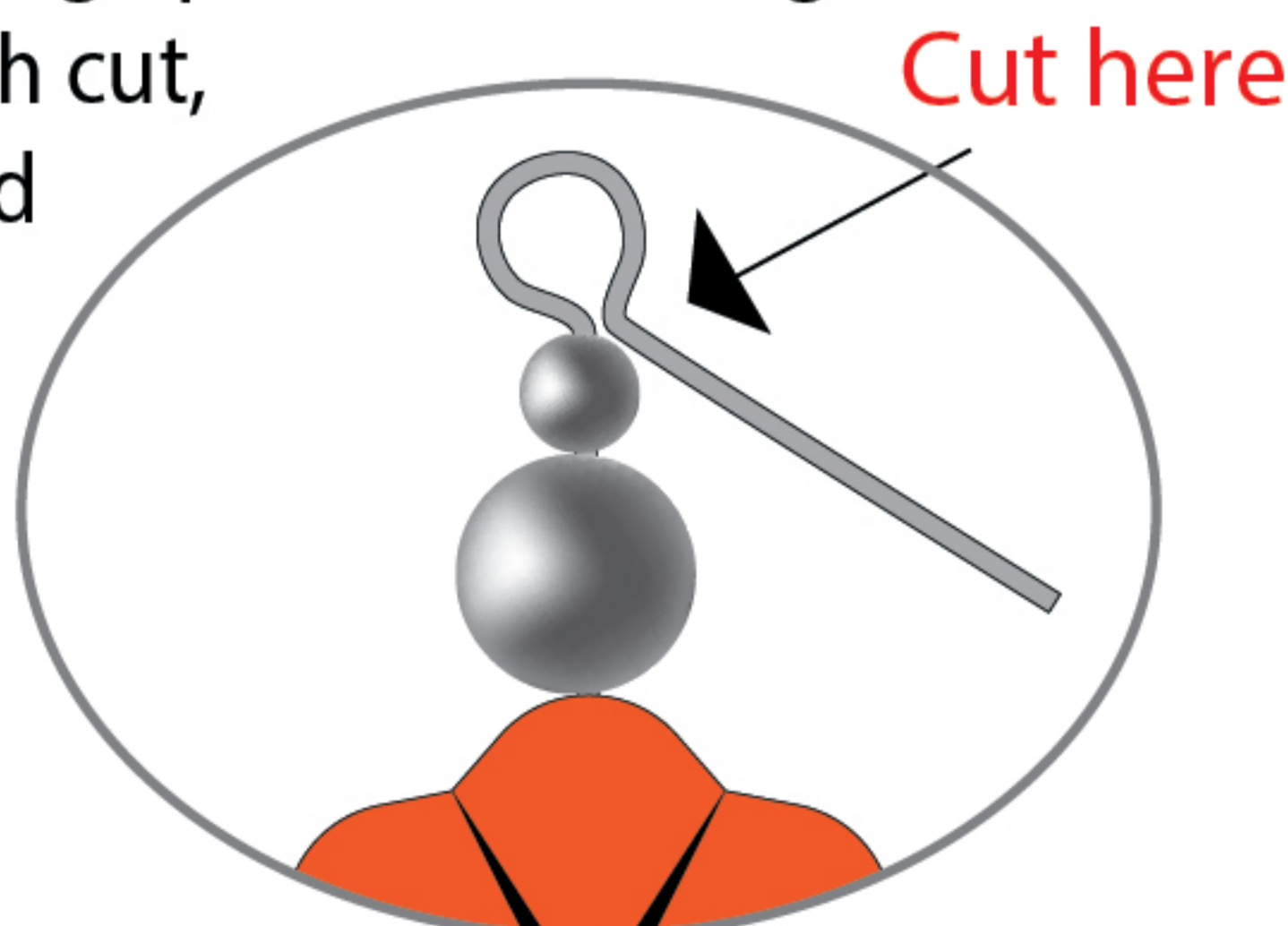
3. Place round nose pliers above but touching 90 degree bend, with your spare hand wrap the ball pin wire around pliers to create a loop.
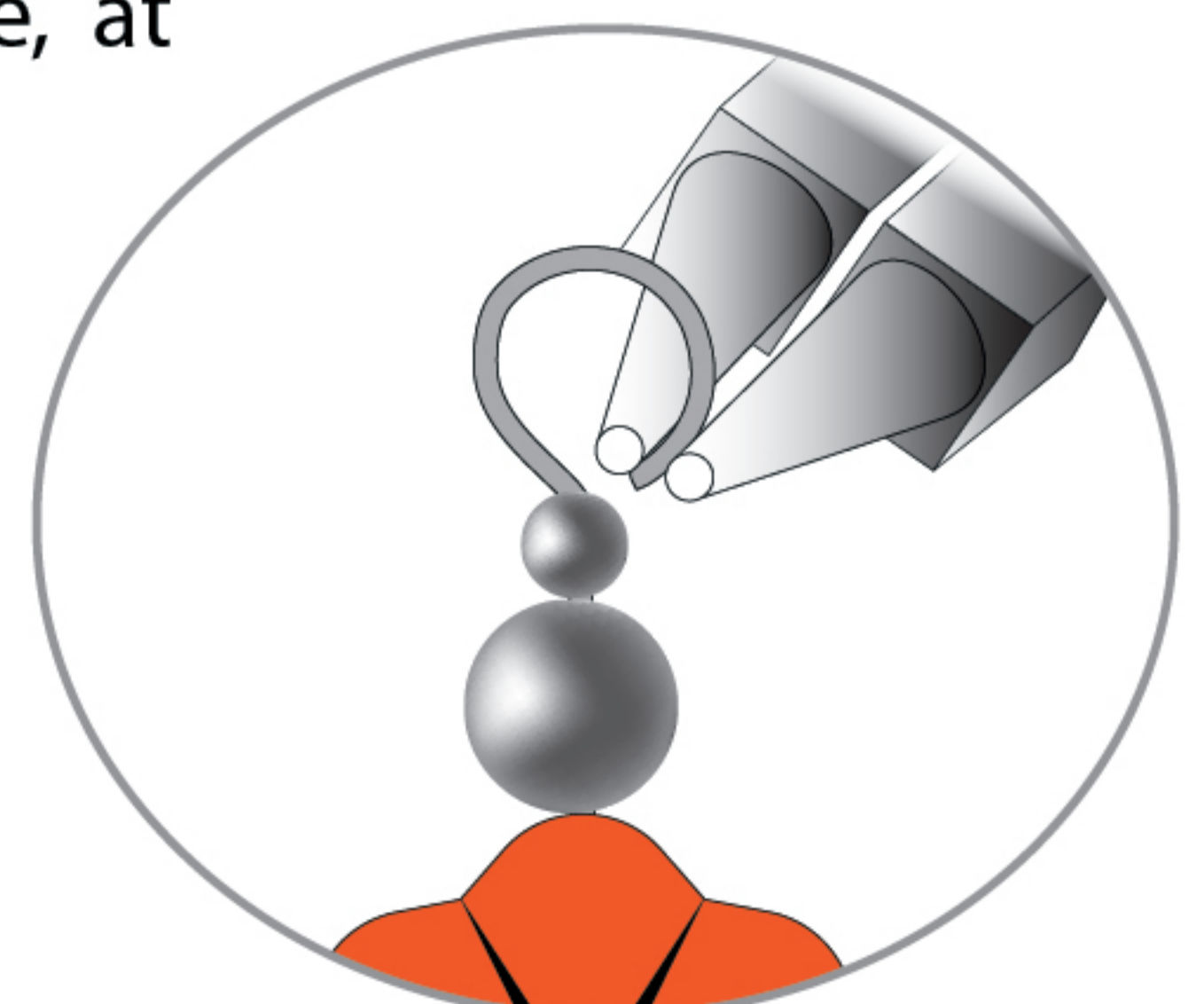
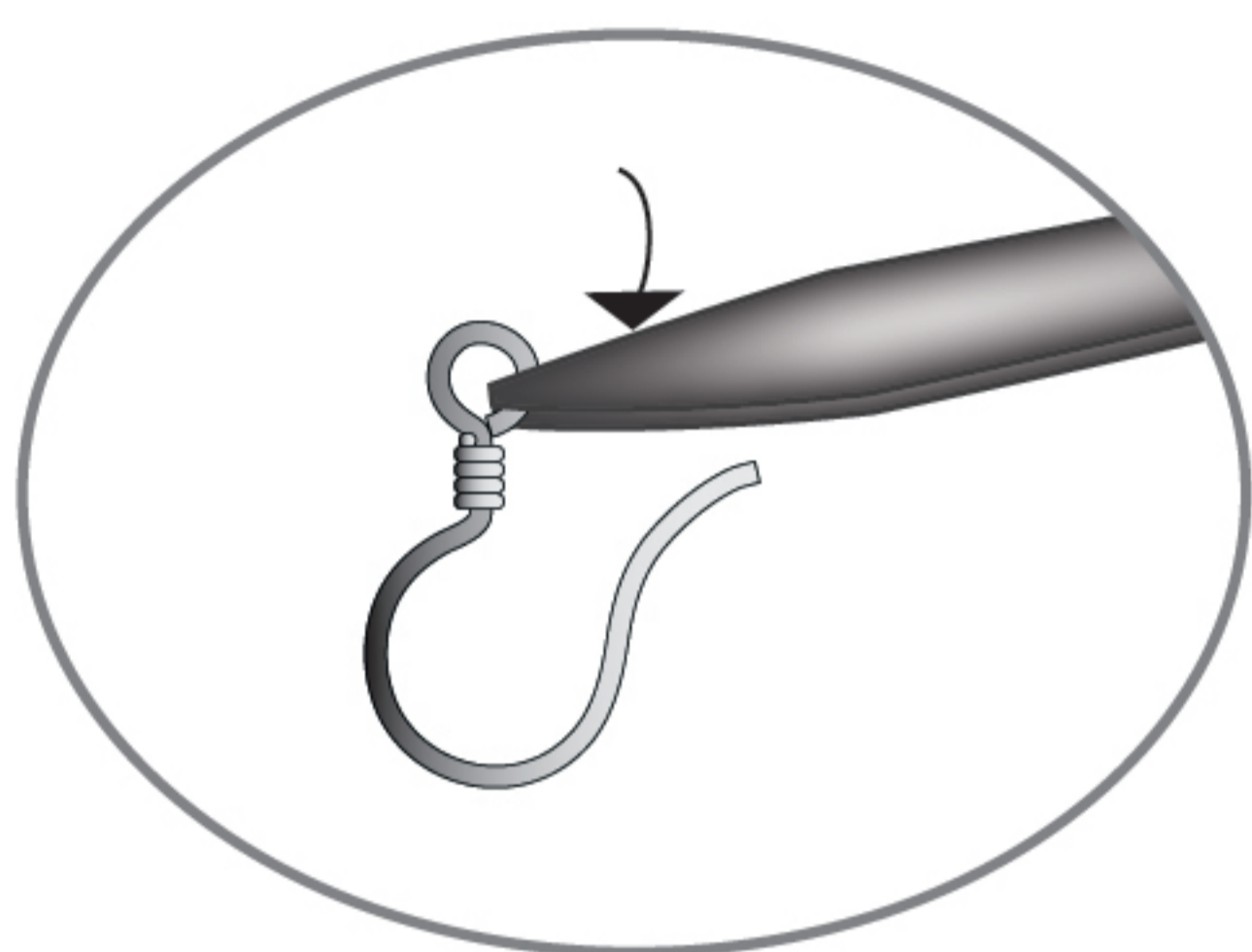The size of the loop depends where on the pliers you wrap.

4.Using a pair of side cutters cut off the excess wire parallel to the top bead. Cut with the flatter part of the plier blades facing upward. This will give a flatter, flush cut, as opposed to a point on the end of the wire.

Cut here

5. Using round nose pliers hold the tip of the wire and pull the end of the wire inwards, to sit snugly next to the wire, at the top of the upper most bead, forming a complete loop.

6. Using chain nose pliers. Hold the French wire upside down. Open the loop on the French wire, Pull the tip of the wire towards you (just enough to open a gap to hook the loop of the ball pin with your beadwork). Close in the same way, but in the opposite direction.

8. Completed Earring