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EYELET PLIERS, #71

Instructions:

1. Prior to eyelet installation, create a design layout by measuring and marking the desired spacing and positioning of the eyelets on the work material surface.



[Photo 1: "Smooth" side of the work]

2. Select the "smooth" side of the work material (ex: the smooth side vs rough side of leather). Eyelets should be installed so that the more "finished" side of the eyelet is seen on the "smooth" side of the work material. (See photo 1)

3. Cut an eyelet hole in the work material that is just big enough to push your eyelet through. If it is too big, the eyelet will fall out. We recommend General's #72, Revolving Punch Plier pictured below. (See photo 2)



[Photo 2: Punch or cut a hole]



4. Align top and bottom of the eyelet pliers so that the flat “finished” side of your eyelet sits in the flat slightly curved bottom of the pliers and the tube of the eyelet is aligned with the top “pointed” side of the pliers. (See photo 3)



[Photo 3: Eyelet placed tube side up]

5. Push the eyelet through the hole so that the flat part of the eyelet is up against the “smooth” side of the work material, and the eyelet tube is showing through the “rough” side. (See photo 4)



[Photo 4: Push eyelet through hole]

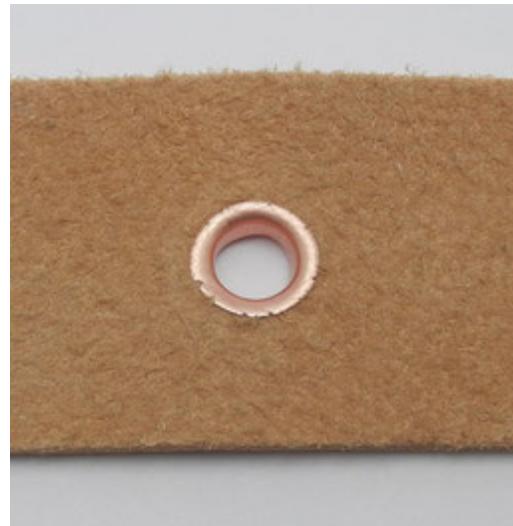
6. Squeeze the pliers slowly and firmly to bend the edges of the eyelet tube over and into the “rough” side of the work material. (See photo 5)



[Photo 5: Squeeze pliers firmly]



7. Take pliers away and check that the eyelet is set as you want it. (See photo 6)



[Photo 6: "Rough" side with installed eyelet]

8. If the eyelet can be rotated in the material you will need to repeat the previous step with a bit more force until it holds the material tightly.



[Photo 7: "Finished" side of eyelets shows on "Smooth" side of work material.]

It's that easy!

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