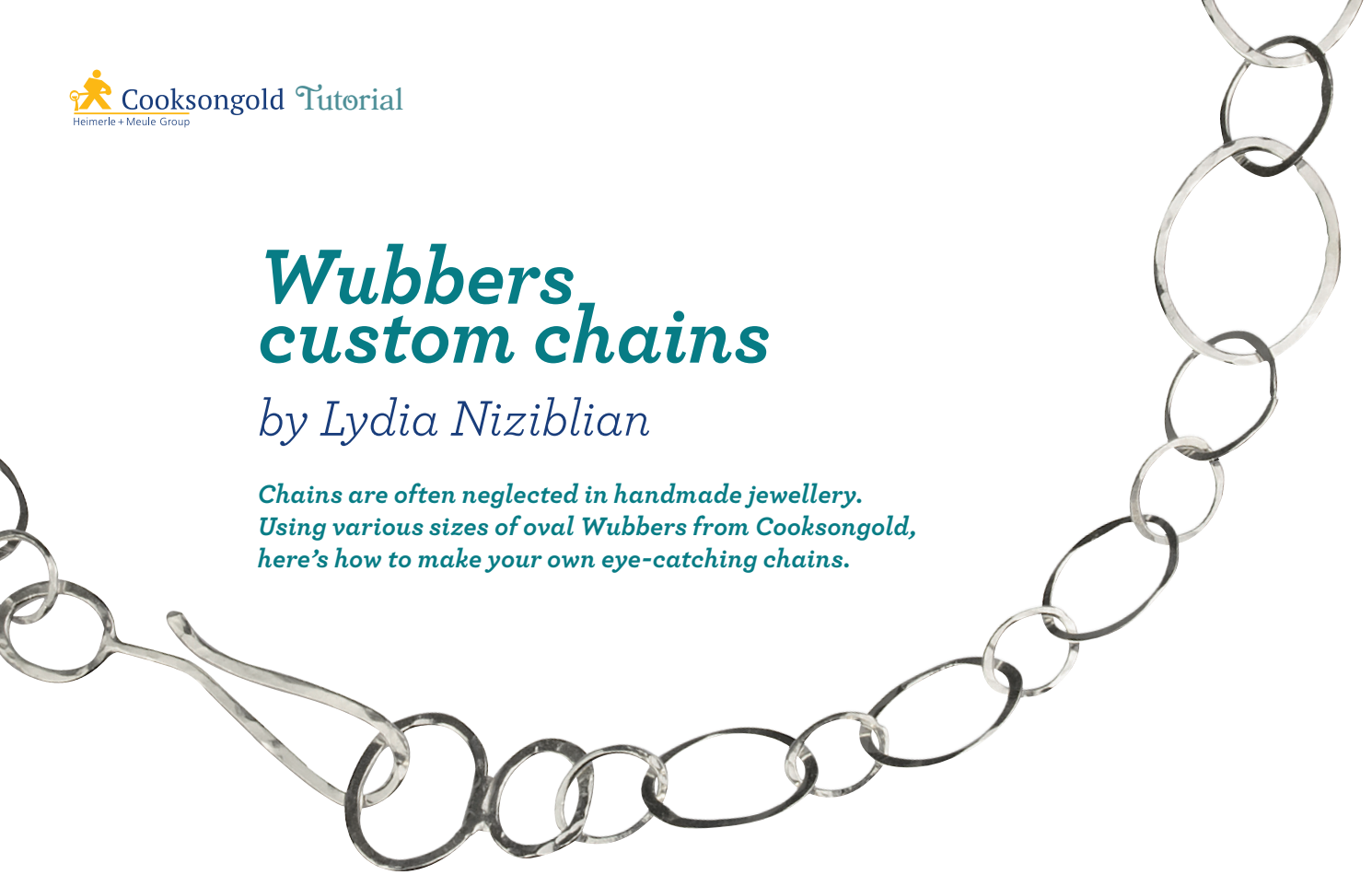


# Wubbers custom chains

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*Chains are often neglected in handmade jewellery. Using various sizes of oval Wubbers from Cooksongold, here's how to make your own eye-catching chains.*



## Step 1

### Create the wire links

Wind the wire around the jaw of the Wubber. Slide the coil of wire off, and snip through along one side of the coil to give you individual links. Repeat with a different sized Wubber if you are using alternating links, otherwise repeat with the same Wubber until you've got a good supply of links ready.



## What you'll need:



### Jumbo, large & medium oval Wubbers

997 113W, 997 115W and 997 114

### Repousse hammer

997 3107

### Side cutters or shears

999 705

### Easy solder paste

PAT 021

### Emery sticks

999 FAG

### Flat nose pliers

999 695

### Measuring tape

### Starter Soldering Kit

999 096Q

### Imm silver wire and 1.5mm round wire.

Allow approximately 1.5m of wire for an 18" chain

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## Step 2

### Solder the links

Carefully align the ends of the links using your flat nose pliers. Add a tiny blob of solder paste to the join, solder the join shut, then quench.

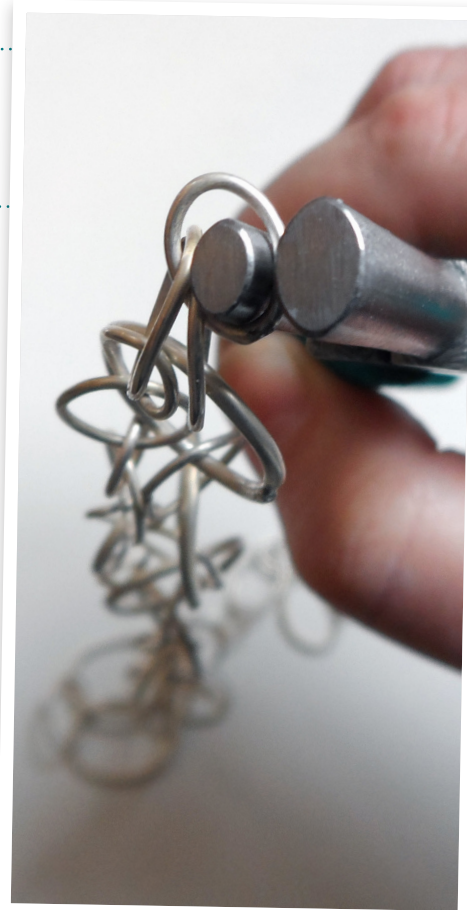


Repeat (using alternate sized links if wanted). Repeat until you have your required length. Remember to check against your measuring tape regularly to see how you're doing!

## Step 3

### Shape the links

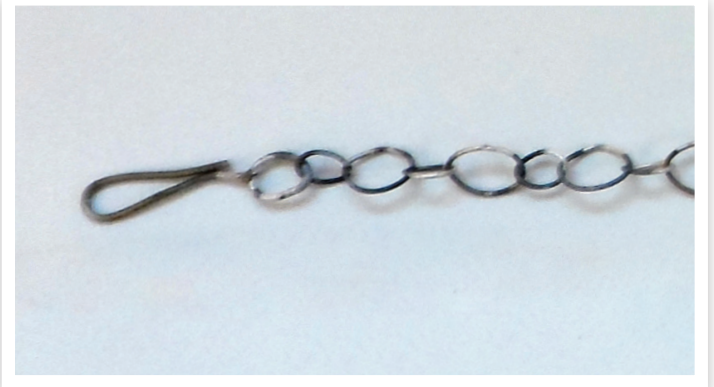
When you have made the desired length of chain, use the same pair of Wubbers you used to make the links to ensure the links are regularly shaped. It helps to use the smaller of the two jaws that you used to form the coils to make sure you can manoeuvre them comfortably. This is the most fiddly bit, but worth it in the end!



## Step 4

### Make and attach a hook and eye

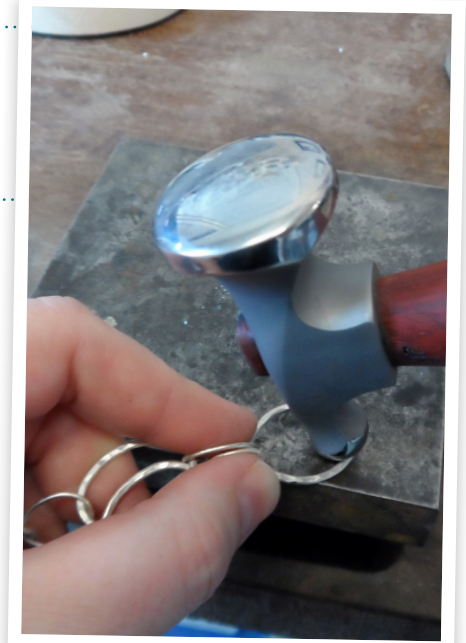
Make a hook and eye from the same (or slightly heavier) gauge wire using Wubbers and/or pliers. Solder them to either end of your chain, then pickle.



## Step 5 (optional)

### Hammer time

Hammer the links with whichever hammer you choose. On the large chain I've used a ball pein hammer and planishing hammer on alternate links. Flip each link over and hammer both sides if using a ball pein.



## Step 6

### The finishing touches

Rinse the chain and look and feel carefully for any rough spots. Use an emery stick to smooth any rogue parts!

Tumble polish the chain for a bright and shiny finish.

If you are going for the black look, immerse the chain in an oxidising solution and rinse well.

### Top tip:

If you are adding a stone-set pendant, many of the Wubbers can be used to quickly form silver strip for making bezels.