

AN INEXPENSIVE BAND OPENER

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In trying to figure out an easy method of opening bands, I designed a simple tool out of two sixteen penny nails.

The procedure is as follows:

First bend the two nails to shape, using a vise. (Both nails are shaped and made identically.)

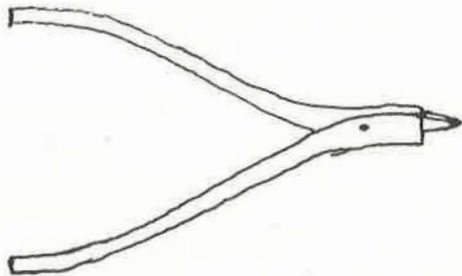
Then flatten the pointed end by hammering against a hard surface.

Next, file the flattened ends of the nails to shape, and then drill a $3/64$ " hole where the two nails are to be joined.

Cut off the head and use a short piece of snug-fitting wire to rivet the two nails together.

Finish by filing the point to fit in a size 0 band.

The finished project should look something like this:



Bands are opened by inserting the point in the band and squeezing the handles.

I have found that this opener will open bands from size 0 to size 3A easily and it is small enough to be readily carried in a pocket.

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