

## Using Owire with your Bind-it-All

Zutter Innovative Products recommends only using their wire with the Bind-it-All because it has been specially manufactured for the specifications of the machine. Zutter currently offers six sizes and five colors of Owire for use with the Bind-it-All:

**Colors:** Black, white, silver, red and brown (sometimes listed as gold.)

**Sizes:** 3/8-inch, 5/8-inch, 3/4-inch, 1-inch and 1 1/4-inch. The size usually used in the Zutter demos and make and takes is 3/4-inch wire. All Zutter wire available for purchase is 12 inches, or 24 rings, long.

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**How to choose the right size of wire:** Plan on using the wire diameter that is 1/8- to 1/4-inch wider than the width of your mini book when it is fully embellished. So, for example, this book here, made of 10 chipboard pages, is a little more than one inch thick. The 1 1/4-inch wire was used.

The 3/4-inch wire is the most popular size for universal use for a variety of projects.

**How to Set Your Bind-it-All for wire:** To prevent damage to your Bind-it-All and to your wires, it is important that you set your machine to the correct wire setting. There are two ways to do this:

1) Each Bind-it-All should come with a “key chain” of wire guides. The wire sizes can be found on each package of Zutter wire. However, if you are using a stray piece of wire, you can compare the wire you have to the picture of the wire diameter on the guide. Then place that guide into the wide area where the dimensions are painted, turning the adjustable knob until the wire guide is held upright by the machine. Back the pressure off just a bit and remove the wire guide. Your machine is now set for the appropriate diameter.



Turn the knob to change the size



Available Wire Colors



1 1/4-inch wire was used here



Using the wire guides



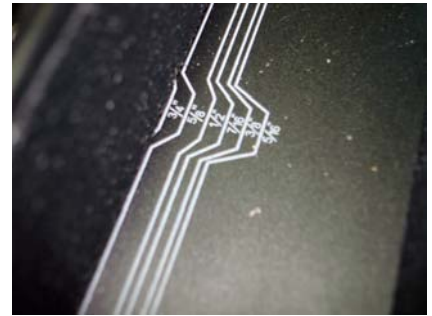
Sizing stray wire with a wire guide

2) If you don't have the wire guides with you, twist the knob at the front of the Bind-it-All until the press backstop is placed on the line, or "wings" above the diameter of wire you are using. Place it on the outside lines, not the one that dips in the center. In these examples, the Bind-it-All is set on  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch.

**How to Bind:** Arrange your mini book so the covers and pages are positioned the way you would like it to be when it is bound. While looking at the front cover, bring the back cover around to the front, as if it was already bound with Owire. The two covers should be face-to-face with the pages on the outside of one of the covers. This way, the place where the wires join will be hidden between the last page of your book and the back cover.

Count the number of holes you have punched in your project. Count out that many thinner loops in your wire, using wire cutters to cut the next wider wire section after the last small loop you need. Place the wire through the holes.

Place the mini book with the wire in it into the machine, with the wire open side down, like a bug on its feet. Make sure the side with the thinner wire "U's" is toward the Zutter logo on the top of the machine. Using less pressure than when you punched, press the Bind-it-All handle all the way down until it stops. Release the handle and bring the book out of the machine. Bring the back cover back around and you are done binding.



**Backstop set on  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch "wings"**



**Covers as you want them to look**



**Like a bug on its feet.  
Narrower wire side (in back) toward  
the Zutter logo when pressing  
the wires shut.**