

# CROCKET HOOKS FOR PENNYS

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You may be interested in the attached photo of an o-ring I cut from 1/2" OD by 1/4" ID clear soft vinyl tubing. You can cut it easily with a sharp razor blade and make it as thick (wide) as you like (about 1/8- 5/32" thickness is good for up to a 10/8" cross section and at least 20 in oz). I have yet to failure test it on my large torque meter but it is definitely safe to 20 in oz. And the best news: This stuff is a mere \$0.55/foot at my local plumbing supply which means you can make these rings for less than a penny each! (*PFFT Ed. Note: Lowes and Home Depot also carry it*)

They also make 5/16x3/16" vinyl which ideal for peanut, dime, embryo and motors up to about 3/8" width. I cut it about 3/32" wide and have failure tested these to 6 in/oz. At \$0.30/foot these rings are three for a penny!

It goes without saying that this O ring system I use only works with a good Reverse S hook. I bend my hooks to hold the O ring pretty tightly for good centering. I use round nose pliers. (*PFFT Ed. Note: Plumber's O rings found at Lowes also work well. I've used the #31 size for 4 loops of 3/16 for several years with no failures. They are available in several sizes, but they are a few pence more expensive than Don's.*)



- Left: 1/2" OD tubing cut about 1/8" thick. Good for 4-6 strands  
1/8" and 12 in ounces.*
- Center: 3/8" tubing sliced about 5/32" thick. For up to 4x3/32  
and 7 in/oz.*
- Right: 3/8" tubing sliced to about 3/32" thick. For  
peanut/embryo/dime. Appx. 4 in oz max.*