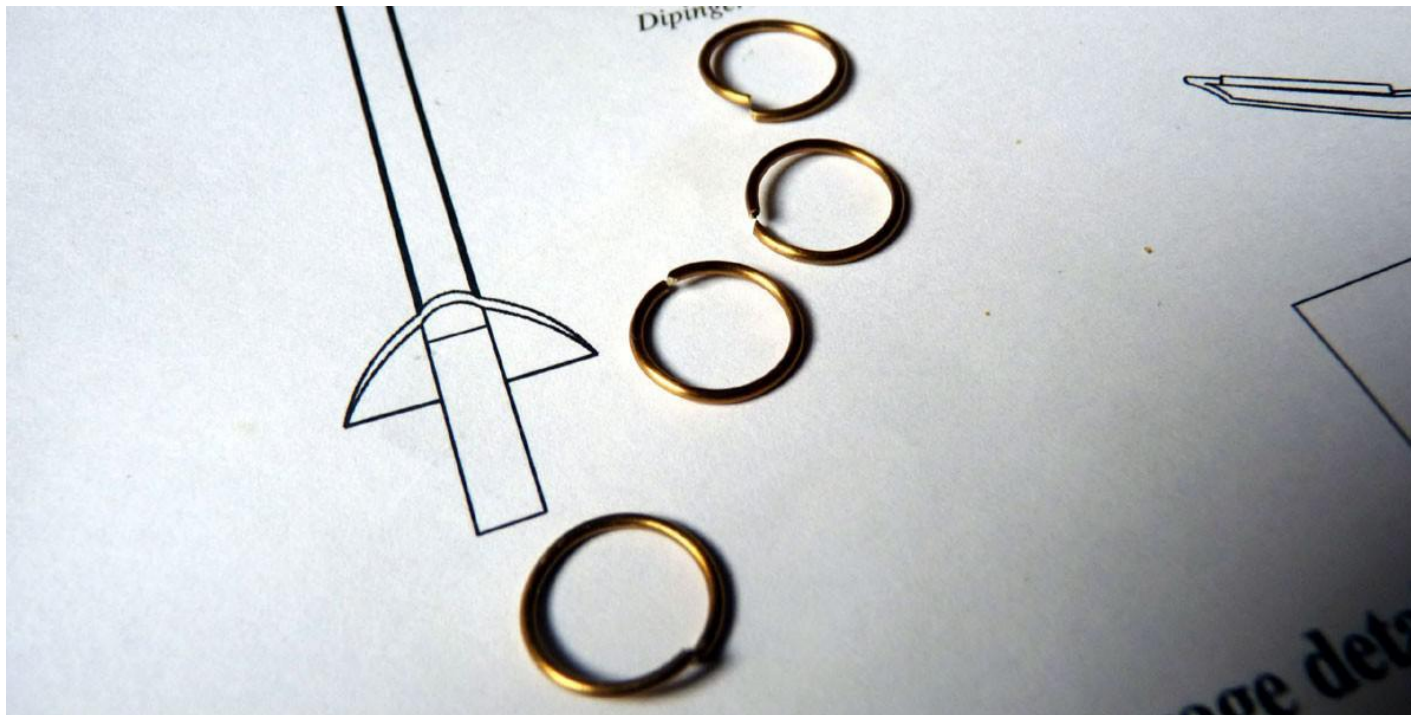


Rigging an Anchor

This article explains how two of the four anchors on a Victory Models' HMS Vanguard were rigged. All four anchors are identical, but only two were fitted with anchor buoys.

After assembling the anchors, the next job was to make the anchor rings.

These were made by coiling a length of 1mm brass wire round an 8mm dowel and then snipping off four rings:



Before the rings were fitted, there was more work to do on them, 'Puddening' the anchor rings; a similar process to serving a shroud or stay.



The section of the ring that goes through the anchor should be left bare, so the seizing should be made off at this point and the ring sprung onto the anchor. (I'd suggest blackening the ring before serving it).

In my case the hole in the anchor was actually larger than the puddening, too large to keep the ring in that position:



So the ends of the ring were soldered together before serving the remainder of the ring:



What's the collective noun for anchors?



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