

Wire Wrapped Rings

Tools:

Ring mandrel
Round nose pliers
Flat nose pliers
Flush cutters

Materials:

Copper Wire 18 + 26 gauge
Silver Plated Wire 22 + 18
Beads



Directions:

1. If you don't know your ring size, you can use a sizer or just wrap the wire around your finger and then check that size or an existing ring on the mandrel.

2. For the **Rosie ring**, grab about 6 inches of the 18 gauge copper wire and wrap the middle around the mandrel at the size you need. Then make sure the wire ends cross over at the desired size on the mandrel and twist the ends around each other so the ends hold in place.

3. Take the excess wire and wrap the end around the center twist until it looks like a flower and tuck the ends inside the wrapped ring or cut the ends with your flush cutters. That's the rosie wrapped ring.

4. For a **Wrapped Beaded ring**, grab the 22 gauge silver wire and measure out about 2 feet of wire.

5. String your larger bead onto the middle of your wire and bend the ends back down on either side of the bead, so that when you wrap your ring, the bead sits on top of your finger instead of pressing into your finger.

6. Place your wire on the mandrel with the bead in the middle, and start the wrap the ends opposite directions around your mandrel at the size you want. Once the wire is wrapped around twice in each side, you can then wrap the ends around the center bead to lock the wires in place so you don't lose the size you were going for. Make sure you're holding your ring tight at the desired size before locking it in place.

7. With the extra wire on each end, wrap around the multiple ring bands to keep them from spreading open. Just wrap once or twice around the ring bands on either side of the bead.

8. Then simply wrap the extra wire around your bead to create a nest of sorts that make the bead the highlight. Then tuck the ends in or cut them and you're done.

9. For the **Bird's Nest Ring**, measure out about 3 inches of the 18 gauge copper and wrap that around the mandrel to your desired size and wrap the ends of the wire tight with a sort of bread tie twisting action until the wires are facing back the way they came. That will lock in your ring size. Then cut the ends and make sure to close up any gaps in the wire so it won't break open.

10. Next grab about a foot and a half of the 26 gauge copper wire and lock it onto the base ring by wrapping the center of it through the wrapped center of the base ring. Twist the middle of this thin wire so it stays in place.

11. Next, string on three small blue beads for the bird eggs in our nest ring. And then wrap the end of the wire back into the center of the ring to lock the beads in place.
12. To wrap the nest, take the ends of your thin wire and gently wrap it around all three beads so it starts to create a wire nest, and occasionally thread the wire back through the middle of the ring to lock the wire in place.
13. At the end, tuck your wire ends into the middle or simply cut them with your flush cutters.
14. Next, we'll make an **Initial or Heart Shaped Ring**. To start, draw a cursive letter for your initial on a piece of paper, at the size you actually want it to be. Measure 6-8 inches of 18 gauge silver wire.
15. Start bending the wire about a third of the way up your wire length into the shape of the letter you are creating. Use your pliers to pinch the wire nice and tight at each curve.
16. When you are done shaping your letter, make any small adjustments you need to make sure the wire holds its shape, and bend the wire up to continue making it into a ring.
17. Place your wire on the mandrel with your letter facing forward, and wrap the end with more wire around back to the front. You'll wrap that end around the end of the letter and twist them each back like we did to lock the previous rings in place. Then cut the extra wire off so there's just a simple loop holding the ring in place.
18. Do the same thing for the heart ring but start shaping the heart at the start of your wire, and when you latch the ends together, it will hook in the front, the ends will twist past each other to lock in place and then simply cut the ends.
19. Last ring. To make an **Egyptian Coil Ring** you'll find it is very simple. This is an adjustable ring, so we don't have to worry about it being locked in at the right size. Measure 8 inches to a foot of 18 gauge copper wire.
20. Wrap your wire around the mandrel at the size you'd like, even though it's adjustable. There should be an even amount of wire on either side of the ring.
21. Start to turn the end of the wire on the first side with your round nose pliers to make the smallest, tightest circle at the end that you can.
22. Then grab the whole circle shape at the end of your wire flat in the flat nose pliers and begin to coil the spiral up toward the center of the ring. You'll continue coiling up the spiral, grabbing as much of the finished spiral as you can in the flat nose pliers at each turn. Once you're at the middle of the ring, repeat on the other side.
23. At the end, you should have two coils that meet and face opposite directions in the center of this ring.

Great job! You just tried 6 different wire wrapped rings. If you have any extra wire, keep practicing your techniques until it feels very familiar. And now you know how to do some basic wire wrapped rings.

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