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Wirework Rings

Before you start

Need to know...

N/A

Toolkit...

1 pair Flat or Chain Nose Pliers
1 Pair Round Nose Pliers
1 pair Side Cutters
Beading Mat
Nylon Jaws

Materials...

75cm x 0.8mm Soft Round Wire (per ring)
20cm x 0.6mm Soft Round Wire (per ring)
Headpins and Various small beads to decorate (bling ring)

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How to make

1. Prepare the mandrel if necessary by sticking a post-it note to it and using a ring sizer to mark the position where you want to create the ring
2. Cut 3 x 25cm lengths of 0.8mm wire. Line the wire lengths up and bind each end with masking tape to hold them together
3. Cut 1 x 15cm length of 0.6mm wire
4. Bind the 3 lengths of 0.8mm wire together in the centre using the 0.6mm wire—wrap once at the centre and then wrap at least 5 times around the wires on each side to create 11 wraps in total. Ensure you pull the wires tight with each wrap and when done, use Chain/Flat Nose pliers to flat clamp the 0.6mm wire wraps to the 0.8mm wires,
5. Centre the wrapped section against a ring mandrel and form the wires around each side of the mandrel to form a circle
   - Wiggly ring: Pull the bound wires past each other at the point where they meet on top of the mandrel the wires point away from the ring at 90˚ on each side. Remove the masking tape and start to create bends and spirals in each strand of wire until you are happy with the overall effect.
   - Bling ring: remove the masking tape from each end of the wire. Interlace the wires and continue to pull around the mandrel past each other until the wires point away from the ring at 90˚ on each side. Draw an imaginary line up the centre top of the ring where the wires cross and cut each wire leaving approximately 1cm from the 'imaginary line. Turn a basic loop from each wire until you have 6 loops sitting centrally along the 'imaginary line' running along the top of the ring. Thread beads onto headpins and create a turned loop at the top to create bead dangles. Attach to the loops as follows:
     - Loops 2&3: Attach 3-4 bead dangles threaded through both loops (these hold the wires together and make the ring firmer)
     - Loops 4&5: Attach 3-4 bead dangles threaded through both loops (these hold the wires together and make the ring firmer)
     - Loop 1: Attach 3-4 bead dangles threaded through the single loop
     - Loop 6: Attach 3-4 bead dangles threaded through the single loop
     Note: the number of bead dangles needed will vary according to the size of your beads, so add more or less until you have created the effect you want
6. Place the ring back on the mandrel to reshape if necessary