Swoopy Ring

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Make this classy swoopy ring in under 5 minutes!

Make one for every outfit!

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Serious stuff here

I love making these rings and I have made hundreds of them! I hope you enjoy them too. All I ask is that you make them for yourself or as gifts and please let people know that you got the idea from me.

Now that we've got the serious stuff out of the way, we can get started.

I'll show you pictures every step of the way so you can probably follow along without reading the explanations, but just in case, I'll describe each step.

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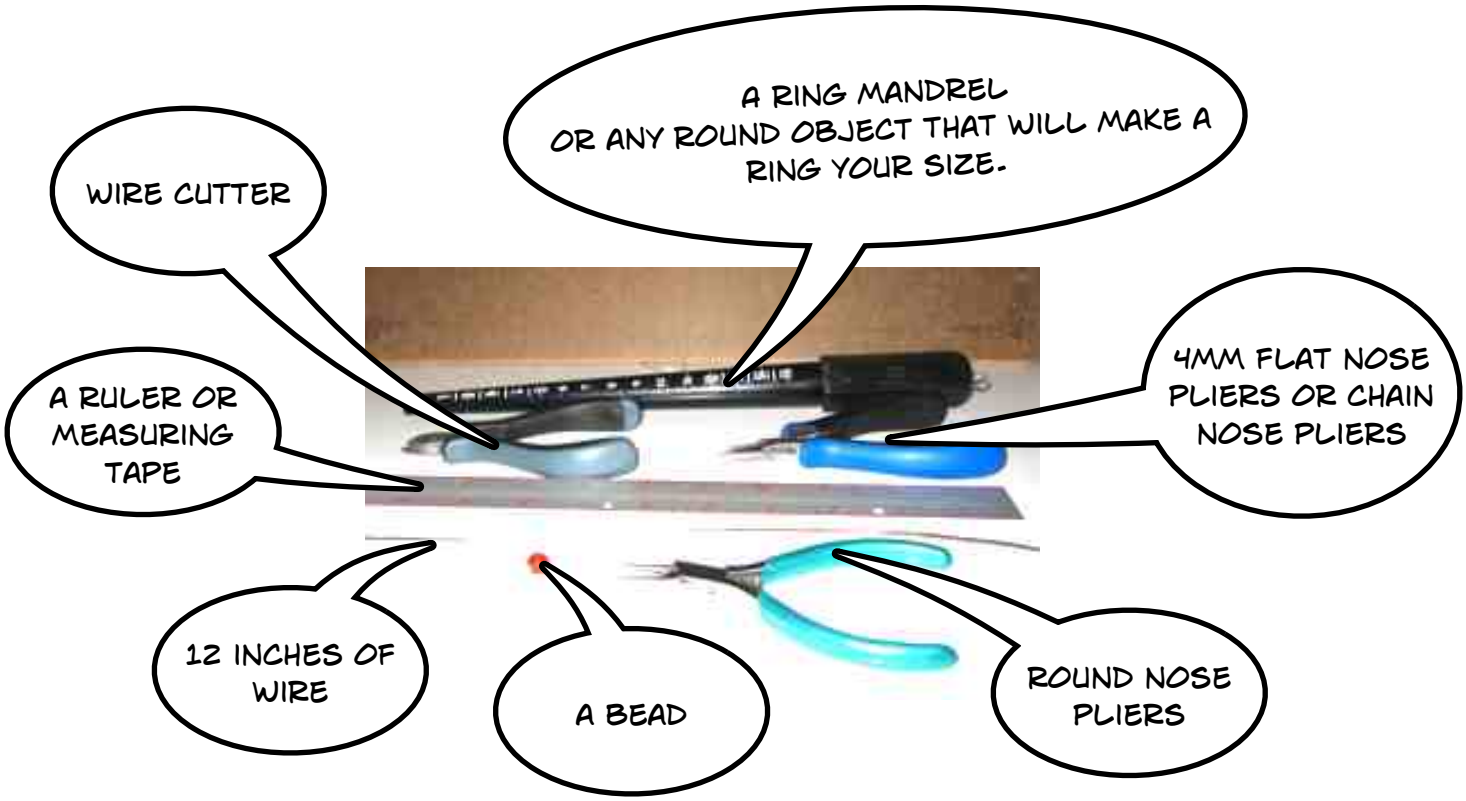

A FEW WORDS ABOUT WIRE:

USE A GAUGE THAT WILL FIT THROUGH THE HOLE IN YOUR CHOSEN BEAD.

I LIKE TO USE 19 GAUGE ENAMELLED COPPER WIRE, BUT I HAVE ALSO USED 20 GAUGE AND 16 GAUGE DEPENDING ON THE BEAD.

SOFT WIRE MAKES THE NICEST SWOOPS.

A FEW WORDS ABOUT BEADS:

PLAIN ROUND BEADS WORK BEST. IF YOU COMBINE A FANCY BEAD WITH THE SWOOPY SWIRLS OF THE RING, BOTH ELEMENTS LOSE THE WOW FACTOR. MAKE SURE THAT THE WIRE WILL FIT THROUGH THE HOLE IN THE BEAD.

SIZE OF BEAD IS YOUR PREFERENCE. SMALLER HANDS, SMALLER BEADS, BIGGER HANDS, BIGGER BEADS - DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?

I'M USING AN 8MM BEAD IN THIS EXAMPLE.

RING MANDREL:

MANY PEOPLE USE SOCKETS FROM THE HARDWARE STORE. THEY COME IN EVERY SIZE AND SINCE THEY AREN'T TAPERED, THERE IS NO WORRY ABOUT DISTORTION FROM THE TAPER OF A MANDREL.

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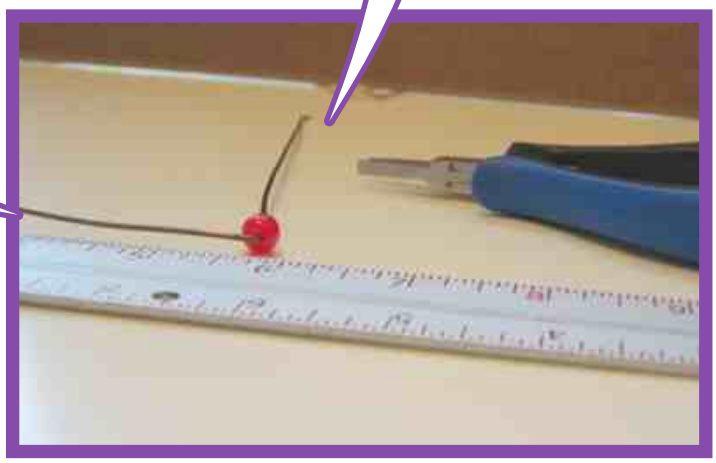
STEP 1



USING FLAT NOSE PLIERS, MAKE A 90˚ BEND IN THE WIRE AT THE 5 3/4" MARK THEN SLIDE THE BEAD ONTO THE LONG END OF THE WIRE, SNUGGING THE BEAD UP AGAINST THE BEND.

STEP 2

GRASP THE WIRE BESIDE THE BEAD AND MAKE ANOTHER 90˚ BEND

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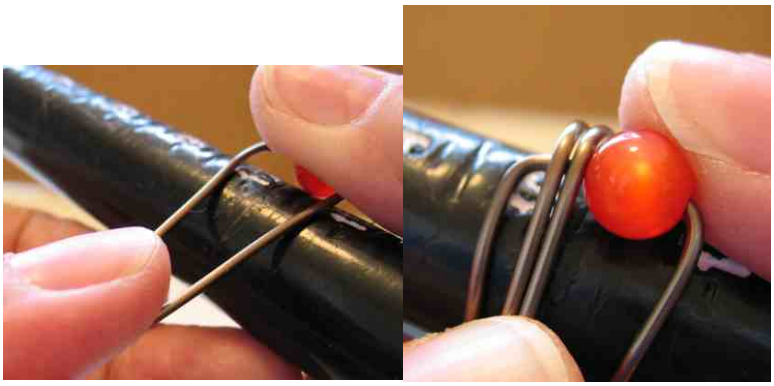

HOLD THE BEAD AGAINST THE MANDREL WITH YOUR THUMB AND WITH THE OTHER HAND, WRAP THE WIRES AROUND THE MANDREL AND BACK OVER BESIDE THE BEAD.

STEP 4

TAKE THE RING OFF THE MANDREL AND GENTLY SQUEEZE THE SHOULDER OF THE RING ABOUT 1/2 INCH FROM THE BEAD. BE CAREFUL NOT TO INTRODUCE A SHARP BEND HERE.

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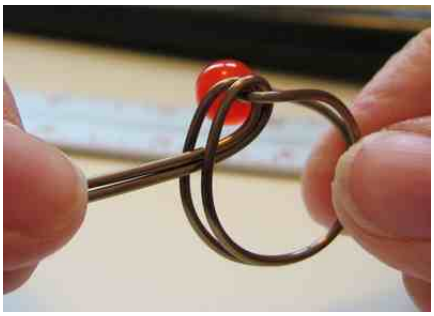
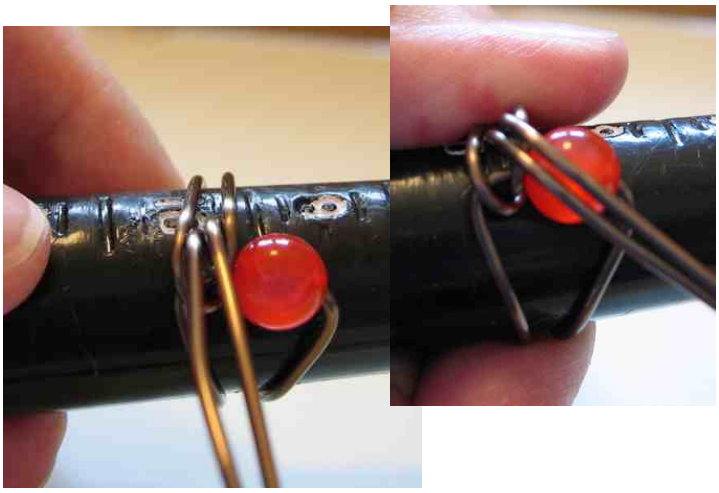


CONTINUE TO BEND THE TWO END WIRES AROUND BETWEEN THE WIRES OF THE SHANK ALL THE WAY AROUND BESIDE THE BEAD.

STEP 6



PUT THE RING BACK ON THE MANDREL AND GENTLY TWIST THE TWO END WIRES TO THE SIDE SWOOPING THEM ACROSS THE LOWER HALF OF THE BEAD.

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STEP 7

WITH YOUR THUMB, SECURE THE WIRES AGAINST THE BEAD AND WITH THE OTHER FINGERS OF YOUR RIGHT HAND, SWOOP THE ENDS OF THE WIRE UP TO THE LEFT AS SHOWN IN THE PICTURE ABOVE.

STEP 8

CUT OFF EXTRA WIRE LEAVING ABOUT 1" BEYOND THE SHANK AS YOU SEE IN THE PICTURE.

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STEP 9

USING NEEDLE NOSE PLIERS, MAKE LARGE SWIRLS IN BOTH WIRES AND NESTLE THEM AGAINST THE BEAD.

STEP 10

WORK THE SHANK OF THE RING AROUND AND DOWN THE MANDREL OR AROUND YOUR CHOSEN RING FORM UNTIL YOU HAVE A NICE RING SHAPE AND THE PROPER SIZE.

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