



Wire Wrapped Ring



What You Will Need

1.0mm jewellery wire

0.4mm jewellery wire

Selection of different beads – for this design we have used a mix of glass beads, pearls and 4mm metal beads

In addition you will require wire cutters, a pair of flat nosed pliers and a pair of round nose pliers.

1. If you don't have a ring sizer measure the size of your finger using a strip of paper (Fig 1). Trim the paper to the same width as your finger so that it is the desired size of the ring.
2. Cut a piece of 1.0mm jewellery wire 1/2 inch longer than the length of your strip of paper (Fig 2).
3. Make a simple loop at each end (Fig 3).
4. Using either a ring mandrel or other suitable round object (marker pens and handles of kitchen utensils also do the job) bend the wire around into the shape of a ring leaving gap so that the two ends don't meet (Fig 4). You should have the shape of your ring now (Fig 5).
5. Take a piece of 0.4mm wire approx 1m in length and starting next to one of the loops on your ring start wrapping the 0.4mm wire tightly around the ring (Fig 6). You can trim the end of the wire and tuck it in so that there's no sharp edges. Ensure you keep wrapping the wire as tightly together around the ring as you can so that you have no gaps. Wrap like this all the way around the ring till you reach the other loop (Fig 7). Keep pushing the wrapped wire together to keep it tight.
6. When you reach the second loop thread the wire through the loop and thread your first bead onto the wire and wrap it around the second loop to secure (Fig 8). Keep 'sewing' beads between the loops and between each other till you have built up a suitable cluster.
7. When you are happy with your design wrap the 0.4mm wire around the ring near the loop and trim off any excess, again tucking the end in so that there's no sharp edges.



Fig 1.



Fig 2.



Fig 3.



Fig 4.



Fig 5.



Fig 6.



Fig 7



Fig 8