

DESIGN WORKSHOP

EXTRACT HEART RING

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Materials

- 12" Beadalon 20G wire, German Style Nickel Free Silver Plated Wire
- 36" Beadalon 26G wire, German Style Nickel Free Silver Plated Wire
- Beadalon Chain Nose Pliers
- Beadalon Wire Cutters
- Beadalon Ring Mandrel
- Nylon Head Hammer
- 1 pkg. Michaels Crafts Bead Gallery Multi-Plated Hearts
- Ruler

NOTE: this project is for Size 7 ring. Adjust length up or down for other sizes.

TIP: Multi-plated heart package comes in multiple colors. Using those other choices, you may make this ring with other Beadalon wire colors, e.g. antique brass.

1. Cut 12" piece of Beadalon 20G wire.

2. Slide one end of the wire through the top 2 holes of the heart.

3. Slide other end of the wire through the remaining 2 holes of the heart. This will form a circle.

4. Slide the circle over the mandrel and find your desired size. Holding heart on desired size, gently pull each wire separately so the circle closes and is touching the mandrel. Each side of the 20G wire needs to be same length.

5. Make 1 more complete wrap around the mandrel. Make sure the wires don't overlap.

6. Make 2 complete wraps around the Heart by pulling one around, then the other, and repeat until each wraps around the heart twice.

7. Remove ring from mandrel. Using Chain nose pliers wrap the 20G wire around the 2 shank wires; through the shank to the other side and around the single wire. Press the wraps with the Chain nose pliers so the turns are tight fitting over the shank. Trim excess wire.

8.Repeat step 7 on opposite side.

9.Cut 36" piece of 26G wire.

10.Bend in center.

11.Slide over center of ring shank.

12.Begin to wrap the 26G wire around the shank. Each wrap must be tight, close and not overlapping. This is very important to keep a clean look to your design. Also, be gentle with the wire. If it breaks you will need to unwrap and start over. Use a sewing motion to make these wraps.

13.Continue until the 3 wires split off into 2 wires on one side and 1 on the other.

14.Where the split occurs, continue wrapping around the 2 wires working toward the top of the ring.

15.When you reach the top wrap around the 20G wires that surround the heart. Continue across. This will secure those 20G wires.

16.When you reach the other side and trim the 26G wire and tuck in sharp end.

17.Repeat steps 12-16 on opposite side.

18.Place ring back onto the ring mandrel.

19.Gently hammer the wraps so they flatten. If ring is smaller than original size, gently hammer in downward motion and stretch the ring. You should hammer downward only a few times, then turn the ring over so it stretches evenly.