

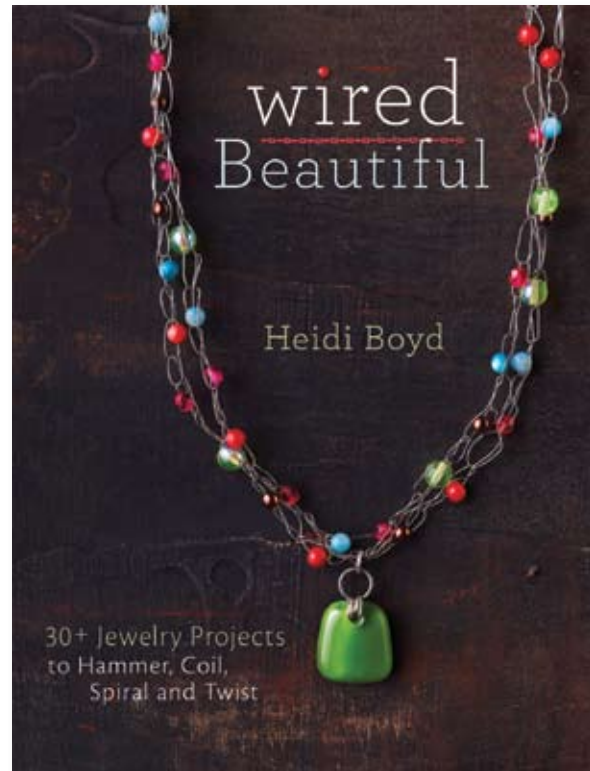
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With the amazing variety of wire and beads available, you can use the instructions for this ring project to create rings for every outfit you own!

The simple act of bending wire can be the first step to amazing jewelry designs. In *Wired Beautiful*, Heidi Boyd teaches you how to create more than 30 easy and elegant jewelry designs using wire and beads. In this project, beads take the center stage on a simple wire-wrapped ring.

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This flexible ring design allows you to form a focal point with a combination of any three beads. The structure of the ring is formed with 18-gauge wire; a separate 20-gauge wire adds embellishment and connects your beads to the center of the ring.

MATERIALS

- 16-gauge silver-colored wire
- 20-gauge silver-colored wire
- 3 orange cane flower beads
(Blue Moon Beads)
- 2 silver flat bead spacers

TOOLS

- ring mandrel
- round-nose pliers
- chain-nose pliers
- flush cutters
- jeweler's hammer
- bench block
- tape or pen (see step 1)





1 To determine your ring size, slide a favorite ring onto the mandrel and mark the position (with tape for a metal mandrel or pen for a wooden one).

Cut an 8" (20cm) length of the 16-gauge wire. Wrap the center of the wire completely around the marked section of the mandrel and then bring both wire ends back around to the front. Let the wire ends extend out from the sides so the sides and back are double-banded, but also so the front is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ " (2cm) a single thickness of wire. Using the flush cutters, trim the wires so they are 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " (4cm) long.



2 Using the round-nose pliers, form the ends of the wires into spirals.



3 Slide the ring band off the mandrel. Gently hammer the spiral ends on the bench block to harden them.



4 Cut a 5" (13cm) length of 20-gauge wire. String one end of the 20-gauge wire through one spiral. String a bead spacer, the 3 flower beads and the second spacer. String the wire through the second spiral.



5 Center the wire so an equal amount of the wire extends out either side of the spirals. Wrap each wire end 5 times around the single wire shank on both sides of the ring.



6 Wrap the wire 3 times around the double-wire band. Use the flush cutters to trim the excess wire. Use the chain-nose pliers to press the cut ends flat against the band.