



How to make Love You To The Moonstone Heart Ring

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What's in the tutorial:

You will learn how to make this precious ring using a few simple steps and the figure 8 weaving technique. It's a simple design that I hope you enjoy trying. The figure 8 technique is very easy, yet gives any design an elegant look.



What you'll need to begin

- ✓ 1 x 10 inch (25 cm) 16 gauge wire HH (**half hard**)
- ✓ 2 feet (60 cm) 24 gauge dead soft wire (*you can use HH for wrapping as well. I suggest a dead soft for your first time for ease while you practice. A HH wire with help strengthens the ring.*)
- ✓ Round nose pliers
- ✓ Snipers (wire cutters)
- ✓ Flat nose pliers
- ✓ 6mm size round bead/gem
- ✓ Ring mandrel
- ✓ Nylon Hammer (*optional*)



I also suggest goggles to protect your eyes from flying wire. I use a 10x magnifying lamp to see better and have a piece of white stock paper to work on. Just to see it all better. You can set up and use what you're comfortable with.

To Begin

Assuming you have cut a 10 inch (25cm) piece of wire, locate the center and bend it evenly around the larger end of your round nose pliers. This wire will be known as your base wire. In the picture I'm using a bail maker.

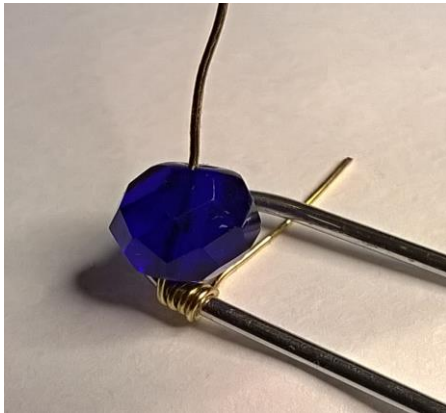
Locate center of the frame wire and bend to make 'U' shape

Use the 24 gauge, about 3 to 4 inches, and wrap 4 times around the base wire so the wire ends at the top side.



Slide your bead onto your wrapping wire, position and begin to wrap the other side 3 to 4 times.

**The bead can be any bead you want.
I am using a 6mm for the purpose of the tutorial.**



Pinch the frame between your fingers to squeeze to cross the frame wires as shown in picture

Here comes the trickiest part of the entire design.

The first heart ❤️



Place the tip of your round needle nose pliers under the anchor wrap as close to your bead as possible. Holding your pliers firmly but not so tight that they don't leave marks, begin to wrap your base wire around the bottom of the needle nose bringing the wire over the top. The wire will begin to bend, and your pliers are going to move.

When you first bring the base wire around the pliers, you're going to need to move your pliers to get the wire all the way around. It's tricky but take your time and you'll get it. Don't forget, there are 2 loops to form the heart. The first loop is a breeze. The second is a little more challenging

For the second loop, you follow the same steps as but on the opposite wire. They may end up uneven, you can adjust this once your loops are made.



Once you have both loops the frame wire should have crossed, if not, simply hold the wires in your hand and cross them over

The figure 8 technique:

If you haven't already learned this technique, I'll show you below. Otherwise, go ahead and skip to the next step if you know this technique.

Figure 8 weave is used on many projects. You begin by anchoring your wire to the frame with 3 wraps. On your 3rd wrap, bring your wire through the center of both wires and then under and around and over the top of the next wire. Bring it between the frame wires again, and back under wire #1, over the top and through the middle again.



Wrap a figure 8 pattern to the length you desire. The one in the tutorial is a size 7.

The weaving is about 2 1/4 inches.



To begin making the second heart, trim the remaining frame wire so it's approximately 3/4 of an inch. Spread the apart, with your round nose pliers hold the tip of the base wire and begin to make a loop.

As you can see, I make my pliers about 1/4 of an inch from the tip. This is the size I use for my heart loops. This is optional.

Ring Around The Mandrel



I'm using a mandrel that has a groove on the back. I place the bead in the groove to help me get a flat focal plus helps protect the bead from being scratched while forming the shape.

Be sure to begin about 1/2 size smaller than you want. The wire will have a bit of spring back. Bring the shank part around your mandrel until the other heart is straight up. Take the ring off, turn it

upside down and place it back on the mandrel giving the ring a squeeze to shape again. This will help make sure your base/frame wire is evenly sized.

Take the ring off the mandrel and to make any adjustments you feel are necessary. Turn the heart loops inward a little to hug the bead better and place back on the mandrel. You may do this a few times until you're satisfied.



That's it! You're all done!

I hope this tutorial has helped you make my very first creation

and know just how much they make me feel each time I make a new one for someone. They are made with love and care, because they are loved indeed!

Love and Peace my friend

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