Stylish braided ring tutorial.

Braided Ring Tutorial PDF

Very detailed, Step by Step instructions

Many pictures from multiple angles

2 Different styles in one tutorial

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Here is the list of material I used for this tutorial. You can use different gauge size wire, or different size beads if you want, however you will need to make some adjustments to accommodate your changes.
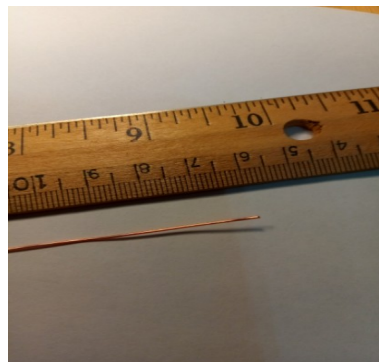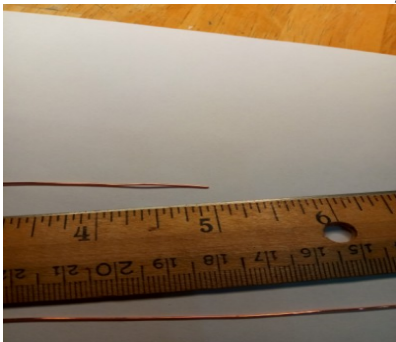
Basic tools include:

- Needle nose pliers
- Flat head/nose pliers
- Ring Mandrel.
- Preferably one with a bead guard for the final touches, but not necessary
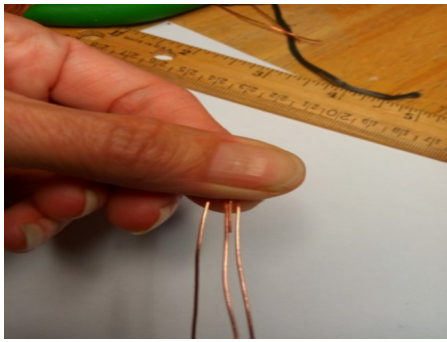- Wire cutters

Supplies

- 22 gauge , round, dead soft copper wire. Cut 1 piece at 10 inches (approx 25.5cm) and a second piece at 5 inches (approx 15.5cm) (This is what you make the braid with)
- 1 piece of 18 gauge, dead soft, round copper wire Cut 6 inches (this is your frame)
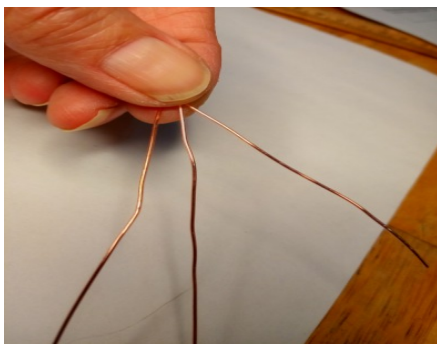- 3 4mm beads of your choice

**The hardest part is the braiding. Keeping your wires uniformed can be tricky. You'll notice each time you make one, it comes out better than the last.
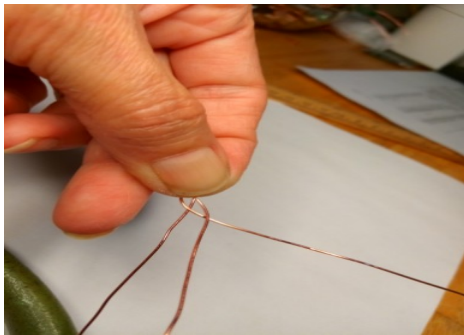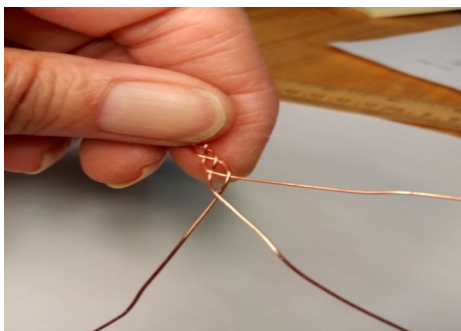
The Braid

This is a little tricky, but if you take your time, you'll surprise yourself.
Take the shorter 22 gauge wire and wrap it around the longer piece 3 times.

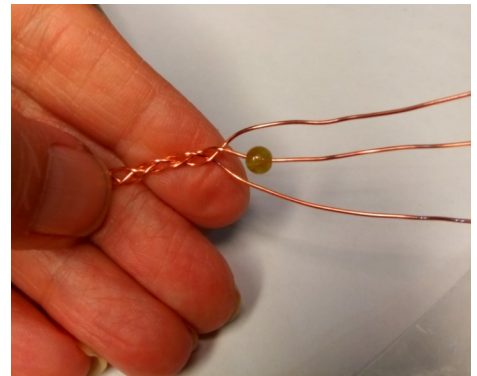Now gently bend the long piece down to match up with the first wire

Going left to write, take the first wire and curve it under the middle wire and over the last wire. (A under-over process so to speak)
You'll want to hold your wires firmly to make the bends, and adjust along the way. To make the braide more uniformed.
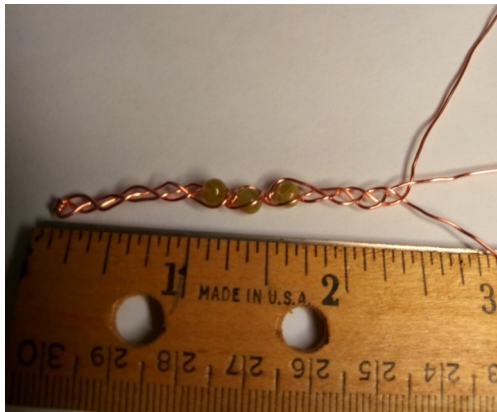
(a size 7 ring is approximately 2.5 inches or 6cm)
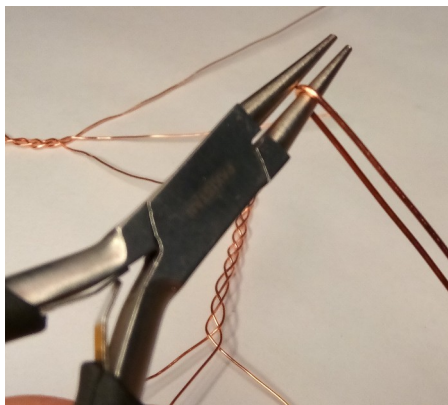For a beaded ring, stop braiding when you reach about 1 inch,

Using the wire in the center at this point, add a 3 or 4 mm bead. Hold it snug against the braid and wrap the outside wire around it and under the last wire. Take the last wire and warp it around

Proceed to braid once you have all 3 beads on and secure

It's in a very awkward stage at this point. Take a moment, if you want to, and straighten the wires a little. It's not necessary, as they will straighten out in the next step
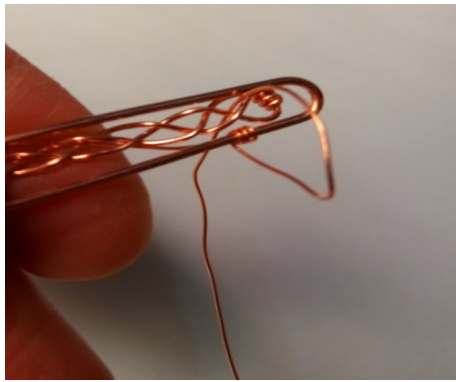
To attach your braid to a frame. Cut 6 to 7 inches of 18 gauge wire. Using your round nose pliers, find the center of the wire and curl it around the tip or close to the tip of your pliers. Wide enough to fit the braid
Keep the ends straight as seen.

Using 26 gauge weaving wire, wrap approximatel 10 coil wraps around the frame.
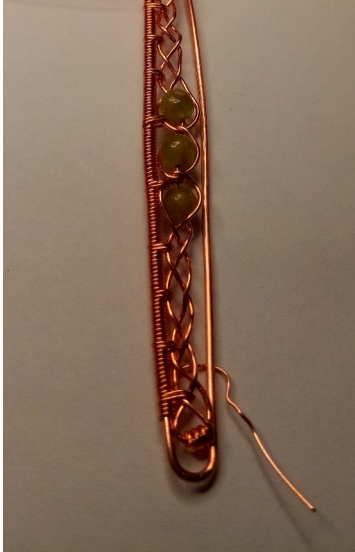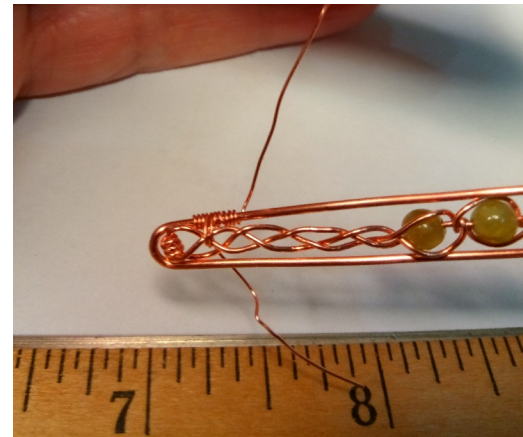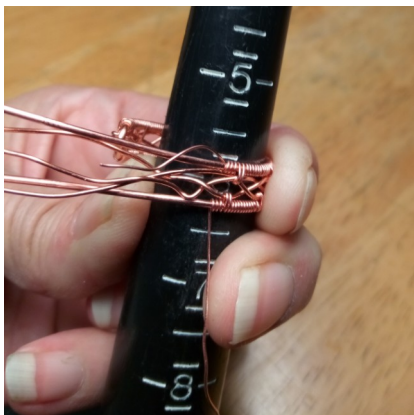
Image shows I wrapped 3 coils, but follow the tutorial to ensure a proper outcome.

Attach the braid to the frame by weaving the wire through the first loop in the braid and around the frame. Do this 2 times, then coil wrap the frame 10 coils.
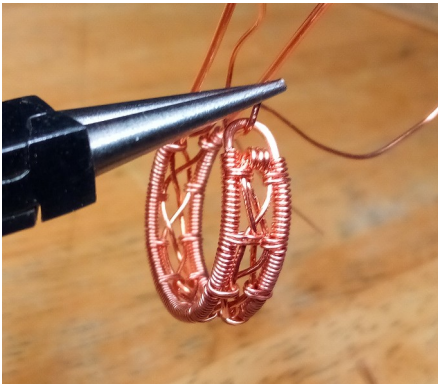
10 coil wraps should get you to each loop. At the 10th coil, wrap the loop and frame together 2 times until you reach the beads

Securing the braid to the frame at the beaded section is just like the rest. You just might need to work your wire through the braid around the bead, Do not force the wire. Where the wire goes through the bead shoud be enough space to get your first pass through. Once the wire is throgh and in place, it should create enough space between the wire and bead to pass the wire through again. Continue to attach using the same method until you reached the end.
Turn the piece around and do the same to the other side.

Place the ring 2 sizes bigger than you want it. This is so it's shaped but you can finish the ring properly

Cut all the ends so they are about ½ inch. Then curl them, one at a time, under the frame end and guide them though.

Cut them so they will tuck under and touch skin. The 2 frame wires should be on the outside, the braided wires on the inside

Put your ring back on the mandrel and push it down. Remove it, flip it over and put the ring back on the mandrel to keep the shape uniformed. This also helps to work harden the wire.

That's it. I hope you love your ring and all your friends beg you to make one for them :)

Thank you for downloading this tutorial. If you have questions or need help, I'm always available at MJ's Blues