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Letter from the Editors

Hello Jewelry Fans,

It seems like these days everyone is short on time. We are all juggling lots of responsibilities on a daily basis and finding time to do the little things that make us smile can be difficult. Not to worry, we've come together to create a simple solution! This free eBook is filled with quick jewelry making project ideas that you can start and finish in one evening. We've collected 12 simple, yet gorgeous projects for you to make that suit all of your needs. Find rings, bracelets, necklaces, and earrings for every occasion. Some projects you can make in under an hour! So go ahead, make yourself some jewelry!

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Necklaces

Colorful Jump Ring Choker

By: Margot Potter for [Beadalon](#)

Chainmaille necklaces are beautiful, but they are complex pieces of jewelry that require a lot of time to put together. Make this simple choker instead. It's a chainmaille choker with half the work.



Materials:

- 20 Gauge Pink Artistic Wire
- 20 Gauge Mint Artistic Wire
- 20 Gauge Orange Artistic Wire
- Jump Ring Maker Tool
- 2 Pair Chain Nose Pliers
- Beadstrom™ Round Nose Pliers
- Designer Flush Cutters

Instructions:

1.) Create jump ring coils using the Jump Ring Maker Tool. Follow directions on back of package. You will need the following total jump rings in the following sizes: 28 8mm pink, 14 4mm mint and 32 7mm orange. (The largest dowel is 8mm, the next size down is 7mm and the smallest is 4mm.)

2.) Create clasp by looping the end of orange wire with the tip of a pair round nose pliers while still on the spool, this should be a small decorative loop. Round the wire over your index finger and back

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around, the wire should be approximately 1". Clip off excess wire and make a larger loop at the end with your fingers. Bend this so that it is at a 90 degree angle from the first loop and push the loop up on an angle with your fingers to create a hook style clasp. You can also opt to use a pre-made clasp!

3.) Start from the center of the design and work out in both directions alternating from side to side. This helps maintain the pattern.

4.) Thread two pink jump rings through two orange jump rings. Secure them closed with your chain nose pliers. Thread two more pink jump rings on both orange rings and secure closed. Thread two mint rings on each pair of pink jump rings and secure closed with your pliers. Attach two pink jump rings through each pair of mint jump rings.

5.) The pattern of double ring chain continues as follows: orange, pink, green, pink and orange. Continue attaching rings alternating side to side until you reach the final pair of orange rings on each side (there will be two extra orange rings.)

6.) Thread one orange jump ring on the final pair of orange links on each side of design. Attach the clasp you made to one of the rings. Secure rings closed with your pliers.

7.) Check back through the design to secure all rings.



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DIY Bird's Nest Necklace

By: Sarah Ortega for [Sarah Ortega Photography](#)

You'll be surprised how easy it is to make this simple bird's nest necklace. Just pick out a few of your favorite beads, twist around some wire and you're done!



Materials:

- Jewelry wire (24 gage is easier to manipulate, but the 20 gage can work well too with the help of some round nose pliers)
- Pearls or glass beads
- Necklace chain
- Jump ring and a clasp

Instructions:

1.) Select the beads you want, string them onto your wire and arrange them as you'd like.



2.) Then simply wrap the wire around the beads.

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3.) Wrap some wire in the space between each bead (you could just do one or two if you prefer).



4.) This is what the back will look like. Use the pliers to form a loop big enough to fit your chain through with the wire.



5.) Now attach a jump ring and a clasp to the end of a necklace chain.



Evening Metal Charm Necklace

By: Randi from [Studio Dax](#)

Love working with metal, but don't have to time to commit to soldering? Make some gorgeous metal jewelry with this quick stamping and shaping project!

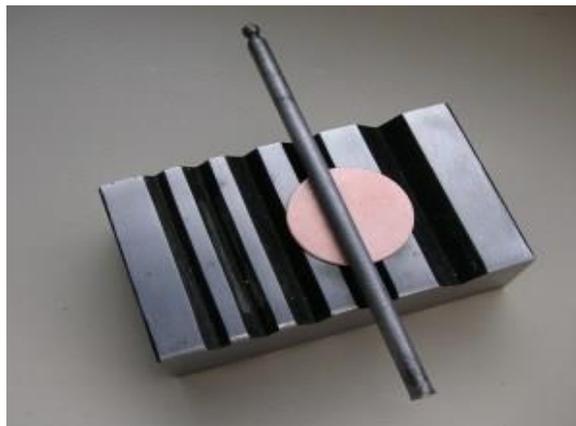


Materials:

- Sponge block and green scrubby to clean the disc
- A spring-loaded center punch
- A forming block
- A twist hole punch
- A hammer and a mallet
- Some punches (shown are a transfer punch, a nail, and a doming punch)
- Metal disc for the pendant – for this project uses a 15/16 inch diameter circle in 24g copper. Please note that 24g – 26g works well with this tool.

Instructions:

1.) Clean the disc with the sanding block or green scrubby and place it over one of the valleys in the forming block, laying a punch over it. If you don't have a doming punch, you can use a regular steel nail, as long as it fits easily into the valley.



2.) Hold the punch firmly in place, and hammer it on the disc, into the valley, forming the metal (repeat to get a good crease).

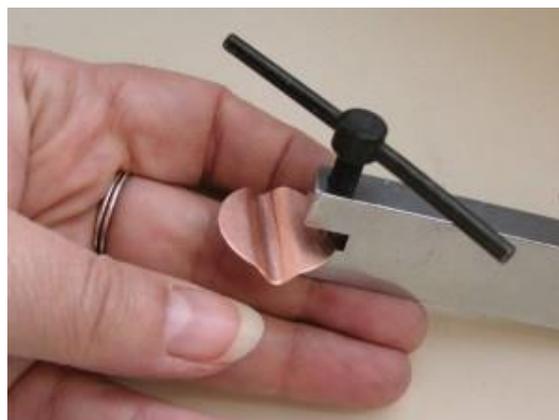
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3.) Remove the punch, and flatten the disc edges using a wood or rawhide mallet. If you don't have a mallet, lay a piece of leather over the disc, and use the hammer.



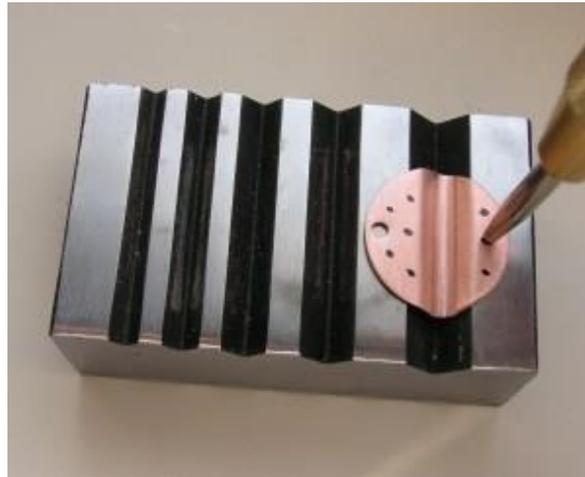
4.) Make a hole in the disc using a twist hole puncher or a drill. If you don't have a hole puncher or a drill, you can lay the disc on a block of wood, and hammer a sharp nail into the disc. This can cause the disc to warp, so you will need to flatten it out.



5.) Lay the disc onto the forming block, laying the crease into a valley, as shown. Use the center punch to create a pattern (you can mark the pattern on the disc with a Sharpie). One method is to file the tip of your punch, and punch on the BACK, so that the pattern is in relief on the front, but you can create the

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pattern however you like. If you don't have a spring-loaded center punch, you can hammer the pattern with a regular center punch or nail.



6.) Add a bail (a simple jump ring will do), and antique/buff to highlight the details, and voila! You have a cool metal formed pendant!



Evening Stash Buster Multi Strand Bead Necklace

By: Dora Moreland from [Show, Tell, Share](#)

Do you have a lot of beads leftover from some old projects? Well here's a quick and pretty solution! Make a chunky multi strand necklace to add a little flare to your outfit.

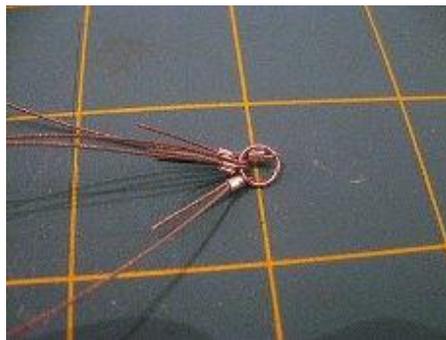


Materials:

- Preferred stringing material (wire, stretch cord, or thread)
- Assorted beads
- Clasp
- 2 eye pins
- 1 set of bead cones
- 2 jump rings

Instructions:

1.) First, attach your stringing material to one of your jump rings.



2.) Then start stringing beads on the first strand. Once you get to the desired length, attach the strand to the second jump ring. Repeat this for all the strands.

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3.) Once all the strands are strung with beads and secured at both ends to the jump rings, attach the eye pins to each closed jump ring. Since I had large holes on my bead cone, I needed to add a bead to the eye pins, before I could put the eye pin through the bottom of the bead cone. I added another bead at the top, for design purposes.



4.) Then attach the eye pins to the clasp by bending the eye pin right above the black beads and forming a loop, then wrapped the little tail around the eye pin under the loop.



Evening Earrings Mica Earrings

By: [Ornamentea](#)

Mica is a great material to use for jewelry making because it is so light-weight, but still such a statement. You can make big stand-out earrings without having them weight down your earlobes. These pretty earrings make a light tinkling sound when the chain brushes against the mica.



Materials:

- 1 packet of mica
- 8 brass eyelets
- 1 pair antique brass simple loop ear wires
- Assorted chain, cut into 2 -2 inch pieces and 2-1.5 inch pieces
- 2 antique copper jump rings, 14 mm
- Optional: Diamond Glaze to seal edges of the mica
- 1/8th inch hole punch
- Awl
- Ball pein hammer
- Eyelet setter
- Self-healing cutting mat

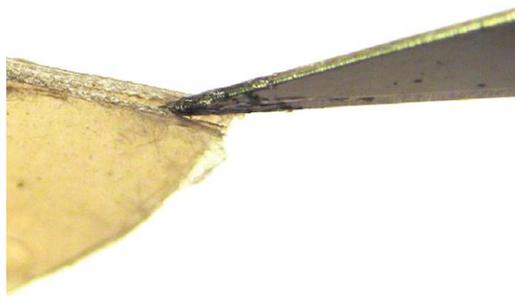
Instructions:

1.) Your packet of mica will contain several pieces that could be just right for earrings as-is, but you may wish to cut the pieces if they are too large for your tastes. A sharp craft knife will slice through a sheet of mica. Drag the knife across the surface slowly to cut through one layer at a time. Be patient, this takes a while.

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2.) Once you have a piece of mica in the shape you want you will need to split it into two identical pieces. Fit the tip of your craft knife in between the layers of mica and gently split the layers by twisting the knife sideways until you have two pieces. If the edges of the mica seem like they will continue to split you can put a thin layer of Diamond Glaze on the edge with a paintbrush or your fingertip. Allow the glaze to dry at least 20 minutes before continuing.



3.) Lay your mica shapes next to each other and decide where you want the eyelets. You may wish to mark the spots with a pen. Place the holes at least 1/4 inch (1/2cm) from the mica edges to make sure they don't pull through later.

4.) Place the hole punch over the mica where you want the hole. Use the hammer to tap the punch through the mica layers. Be patient. You may wish to remove the chipped mica that accumulates in the hole you are punching with an awl or toothpick.

5.) Thread an eyelet through the hole in the mica. Place the Flowered Setter over the eyelet and line it up straight. Use the hammer to gently tap the Setter until the eyelet splits and begins to curve outwards. Continue until the eyelet is flat against the mica. It is important to hold the setter perpendicular to the eyelet and tap the hammer gently to prevent the eyelet from bending or folding.

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6.) Repeat these steps to set remaining eyelets. Remember that your eyelets will look hand set, not perfect. Note that in the earrings pictured I set some eyelets from the “front” of the earrings and some from the “back” so that the eyelet flowers show in both directions.

7.) Lay out your pieces of mica and determine where the top and bottoms of your earrings will be. Lay the chain out where you want it to hang. Use your chain nose pliers to gently open a jump ring. Thread the jump ring through the hole at the top of one of the pieces of mica and through both pieces of chain and the loop on the ear wire. Close securely. Repeat with remaining mica and findings to make second earring.



These DIY earrings are fun and exciting to make! If you are loving for more fabulous homemade earring designs like these stunning [Enchanted Forest Earrings](#), be sure to check out our collection: [How to Make Earrings: 60 DIY Earrings!](#)

Evening Sparkle and Dangle Earrings

By: [Erban Studios](#)

When jewelry making with beads, you can always create just the perfect piece of jewelry like these Sparkle and Dangle Earrings. Pick out some pretty beads you have laying around and you'll soon have the perfect pair of party earrings.



Materials:

- Beads, crystals, anything you think will look pretty. You will need a mix of sizes, at least two a bit larger than the rest of the ones you choose.
- One headpin for every bead
- A few jump rings
- 2 earwires
- 2 pieces of chain, about an inch per earring
- Pliers: round nose pliers, close cutting pliers, and flat nose pliers

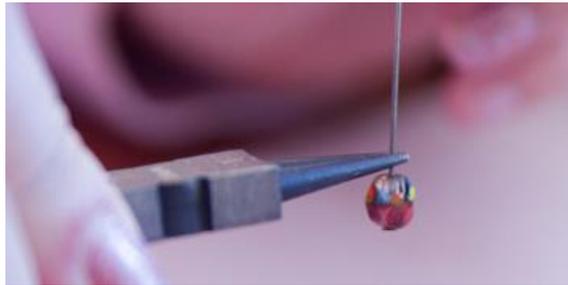
Instructions:

- 1.) Cut two pieces of the chain, some chains will not be soldered shut, so you can easily pry the links open at the seam, others will take a bit of elbow grease to cut. You can count links to make sure you get the same length chains for each earring; in this case it was 10 links per earring.
- 2.) Start off with the larger of the beads; this will be the bottom bead on the earring. Place it on the head pin.

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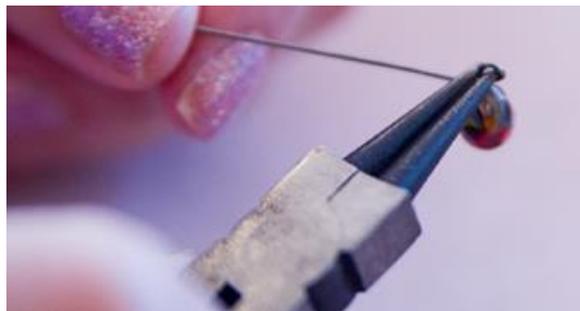
3.) Grab your round nose pliers and place them just a bit above the top of the bead. A few millimeters will do.



4.) Holding the tip of the headpin, bend it over the round nose pliers. You want to manipulate the head pin while keeping the bead/pliers steady.



5.) Continue bending the headpin until you've made your way under the pliers, making a little loop.



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6.) This is what your look should look like. Now, you want to open the loop up a bit so you can slide the last link of the chain onto it.



7.) This is what the chain with looped headpin and bead will look like. The little imperfections disappear once the earring is finished.



8.) With the round nose pliers in your non-dominant hand, grab the very end of the head pin with the flat nose pliers. Use your other hand to wrap the wire around the base of the headpin.



9.) Wrap the excess wire around the base of the loop, above the bead. This may take a bit of force, don't be afraid to pull on the wire while looping around. Holding the head pin as close to edge as possible will give you more leverage and create a tighter coil. For this reason, 1.5 – 2 inch headpins are useful.



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10.) Get the close cutter and cut the excess wire as close as you can to the wrapped part.



11.) Repeat this process for the entire chain, even the top link. Add one bead per link. Make sure to add the beads to both earrings in the same order.



12.) Open a jump ring, slide on the top link of the chain and the ear wire. Close the jump ring. Voila! That's all.



Evening Bracelets Golden Bugle Bead Bracelet

By: [Bead Studio](#)

Are you looking for easy bead weaving patterns? It doesn't get easier than this Golden Bugle Bead Bracelet! It's a pretty pattern that you can quickly put together and requires almost no bead weaving skill or knowledge!

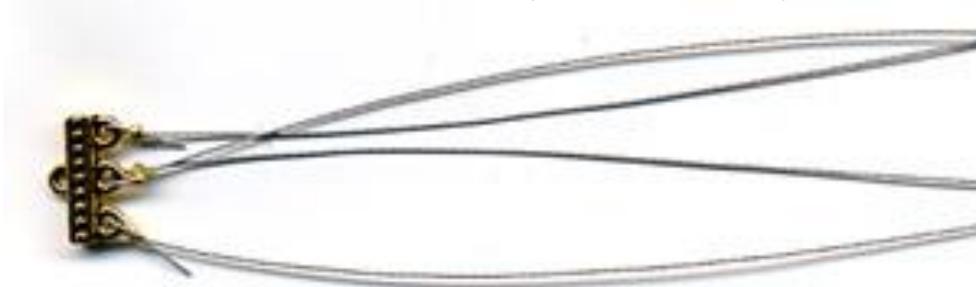


Materials:

- 1 yard .014 Soft Flex Wire
- 2 3-1 Spacer Bars
- 6 crimp beads
- 1 clasp
- 2 jump rings
- Size 3 bugle beads (we used 64)
- Size 8/O seed Beads (we used 43)

Instructions:

- 1.) Use the crimp beads to attach the wires to one of the spacer bars. 9" pieces on the outside loops and the 18" folded in half & crimped to the center loop



- 2.) On the outer wires alternate seed beads & bugle beads until desired length is achieved. We used 17 seed beads & 16 bugle beads. You must use an even number of bugle beads for the pattern to end properly. Crimp ends of wire to the outside loops of the other spacer bar.



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3.) To build the center, add 1 seed bead over both wires, then a bugle bead on each wire and weave the wires through the seed bead on the outer row.



4.) Add a bugle bead on each wire, then a seed bead on both wires. Repeat this pattern until you have reached the loop on the spacer bar. End with a seed bead; add the crimp bead to both wires, thread through the loop & back through the crimp bead. Crimp securely. Trim excess wire.



5.) Use the jump rings to attach the clasp.



Evening Pressed Pennies Bracelet

By: Val from [Collecting the Memories..One by One](#)

Need something to do with all those pressed pennies you've collected from your vacations? Make a Pressed Pennies Bracelet with this tutorial! It's a great way to keep all your memories on hand and an easy metal jewelry making idea.



Materials:

- 10 pressed pennies
- 1 copper chain bracelet with clasp
- 10 copper jewelry rings
- Metal awl
- Hammer
- Large piece of flat wood
- Jewelry file
- Two pair jewelry pliers

Instructions:

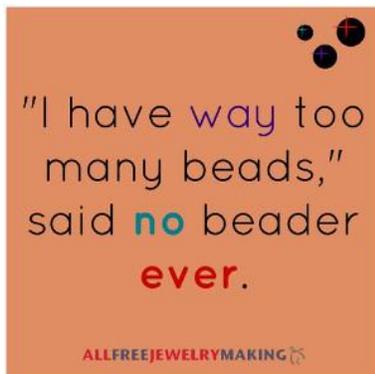
1.) First punch the holes in the top of the pennies with the metal awl on the piece of wood. Make sure the holes are big enough for the jump rings you choose. Once you have the size down it goes by really quickly.

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- 2.) Use the hammer and file to make sure there are no sharp edges on the back side of the penny.

- 3.) Lay out the bracelet in the order you want the pennies to go and set them up to go evenly across the chain.

- 4.) Very carefully, bending the jump rings sideways, slide the jump rings onto the pennies and then onto the chain and close the rings up.



If you love these fabulous free jewelry making projects, but you find yourself with leftover beads, be sure to check out the DIY projects in our collection, [How to Use Leftover Beads: 23 Super Stash Buster Beading Projects!](#)

Evening Pretty Salmon Bracelet

By: Wanda Epps from [Making Beaded Jewelry](#)

This simple bracelet is the perfect project if you are looking to make a pretty, everyday bracelet but don't have a ton of time to spare!



Materials:

- 8mm Swarovski® round crystals (your choice of color)
- Two bead caps for each bead
- 1 split ring
- 1 toggle clasp
- 1 5mm jump ring
- About 13" (33 cm) of 20 gauge half hard round wire
- Beading board
- Tape measure
- Round nose pliers
- Chain nose pliers
- Split ring pliers
- Wire cutters

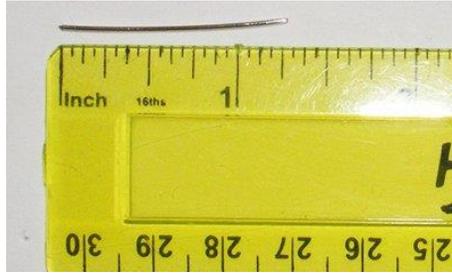
Instructions:

1.) If you do not know your wrist size, use a tape measure for your wrist. On a beading board, lay out your pattern of beads and toggle clasp to fill in this length of space as shown in the picture below .



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2.) Cut a 1 1/4" (3.2 cm) length of wire.



3.) Using the round nose pliers, make a wire loop on one end of the wire.



4.) Thread a bead cap, 8 mm bead and a bead cap onto the wire.



5.) Using the round nose pliers, make a wire loop on the second end of the wire. You've made a bead unit.



6.) Make another bead unit. Now, connect the two bead units by interlocking the wire loop of one bead unit to the wire loop of another bead unit. If the wire loop of each bead is not open, open it as you would a jump ring.

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7.) Using the chain nose pliers, close the wire loops. The opening of the wire loop should be closed snugly and rest inside the opening of bead cap, hidden from view. (Don't worry if this doesn't happen on the first bracelet that you make. It comes with practice.)



8.) Repeat Steps 6 and 7 until you have a length of beads units that is within about one inch (or centimeter) of being closed on your wrist.



9.) Using the chain nose pliers, open the wire loop on one end of the bracelet. Slide on a split ring. Close the wire loop.



10.) Using the chain nose pliers, open the wire loop on one end of the bracelet. Slide on a split ring. Close the wire loop.

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11.) Using the split ring pliers, open the split ring and slide the large loop end of the toggle clasp onto the split ring.



12.) Using the chain nose pliers, open the jump ring. Slide the ring of T-bar end of the toggle clasp onto it. Slide the wire loop of the second end of the bracelet onto it. Close the jump ring.



Evening Rings Turquoise and Pearl Ring

By: Emi from [Small Good Things](#)

This easy project for jewelry making with beads offers a quick and easy way to make some cute rings. This simple yet elegant turquoise and pearl ring is the perfect thing to add a little sophistication to your everyday outfits.



Materials:

- Freshwater pearls (this ring used 11 pearls)
- One turquoise bead
- One crimp bead
- Bead string cord, about 10cm
- A pair of flat-nose pliers

Instructions:

- 1.) Thread pearls and a turquoise to the bead string cord (five pearls, a turquoise, then six pearls).



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2.) Thread a crimp bead with both ends of string cord.



3.) Pull the ends of cords so that the beads form a tight hoop. Using flat-nose pliers to squeeze and close the crimp bead.



Evening Rosette Nest Ring

By: Bev from [Flamingo Toes](#)

Make some cute fabric flowers jewelry with this pattern for a Rosette Nest Ring. The very feminine ring backs coupled with the pearls give them a vintage feel, like something pulled from your grandmother's collection.



Materials:

- Adjustable ring backs
- Ribbon or chiffon
- Small beads/pearls
- Needle (small enough to go through your beads) & thread
- Glue (E-6000 works very well)

Instructions:

1.) Start by cutting about a 1" wide strip of your fabric. (Or you can use ribbon.) The length you need will depend on how thick your fabric is or how big of a rose you'd like. I'd estimate for chiffon about 18".

2.) Tie a knot close to the end of the chiffon.



3.) Hold the knot in your left hand. Start loosely twisting the other end of the strip.

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4.) Wrap the twist loosely about halfway around the knot.



5.) Hand stitch this little section in place on the back side by sewing the twisted part to the knot.

6.) Twist and wrap the chiffon a little more around the knot.



7.) Keep the loose, short end out of the way.



8.) Continue wrapping and sewing until the rose is the size you'd like. Cut the remaining fabric so you have a short piece to tuck under in the back.

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9.) Twist the end and sew it down on the back side of the rose.



10.) Without cutting your thread, bring the thread up from the back to the top, in the center. Thread a bead onto the thread.



11.) Sew the pearl onto the center of the rosette. Try and sew down the pearl 2 or 3 times. You might not be able to get the needle through after 2 passes.



12.) Repeat with the other two beads.

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13.) Apply a good amount of glue to the back of the rosette.



14.) Glue the rosette to a ring back. Sometimes chiffon can fray – if it does you might want to give your rosette a little haircut.



Evening Woven Seed Bead Rings

By: Laura from [Nelkin Designs](#)

These Woven Seed Bead Rings are adorable little seed bead projects that you can easily make several of in an evening. Use stretch cord instead of wire and make simple and cheap gifts for all your friends!



Materials:

- 118" of 26mm wire
- Approx. 50 size 8 glass beads color A, approx 1.5 grams
- Optional: 4 size 8 glass beads color B, or more if you get into personalizing the design
- Wire cutters
- Optional: Metal File

Instructions:

- 1.) Cut an 18" length of wire with your wire cutters.
- 2.) String on 2 beads (color A) and place at middle of the wire.



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3.) Thread on 2 more beads (color A), and before sliding them to the middle of the wire, thread other end of wire through them in the opposite direction.



4.) Slide down this pair of beads until “snug” up against first pair; make sure to keep the wires the same length on both sides.



5.) Repeat steps 3 and 4 five more times. (7 rows of 2 beads each).



6.) Thread on 3 beads (color A).

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7.) Repeat step 4.

8.) Thread on 1 bead color A, 1 bead color B, 1 bead color A. (3 beads total)



9.) Repeat step 4.

10.) Thread on 1 bead color A, 2 beads color B, 1 bead color A. (4 beads total).

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11.) Repeat step 4.

12.) Repeat steps 8 + 9.



13.) Repeat steps 3 + 4 seven more times. This is a good time to try on the ring. The dimensions here are given for a ring that is approx. 5/8" diameter. If you need the ring to be bigger, repeat steps 3 + 4 until it fits the way you want it to, if you want it to be smaller, repeat steps 3 + 4 fewer times.

14.) Finish off: Thread the wire ends through the center of the first beads again. These will fit through because only one length of wire went through them.

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15.) Snug up tight to form the ring.



16.) Then weave each wire in and out of the side edge of the ring. Trim off as close as possible with wire cutters. You may want to use a metal file to smooth the cuts sharp edges.



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