

BREA BEAD WORKS

RIBBON WRAP BANGLE

wire forming

MATERIALS

- ▷ ROUND wire; 12-gauge [3 feet]
(copper, sterling silver, or gold-filled)

TOOLS

- ▷ Flat nose pliers
- ▷ Round nose pliers; large
- ▷ Flush cutter (must cut 12-ga wire)
- ▷ Chasing or planishing hammer
- ▷ Steel bench block
- ▷ Ruler



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1. Cut 3 feet of 12-ga wire and flush cut both ends. Create a large eye-loop using back of round nose pliers. Repeat for other end of wire but with eye-loop in opposite direction. Hammer eye-loops using chasing hammer.



2. Randomly flatten length of wire leaving some areas in it's natural round state.



3. Using ball side of chasing hammer, or embossing hammer, create texture on flattened portions of wire, including eye-loop. It's not necessary to texture opposite side of wire.



4. Start forming into a circular shape, large enough to insert over hand.



5. Continue to coil length of wire using the initial loop as a guide. Don't worry about coils varying a little.



6. Once you have sized the coil, open eye-loop ends and insert into inner coil.

Tighten to fit by slowly decreasing each coil and it's now ready to wear.