Metalmorphosis rings

Transform wire into a ring in a matter of minutes. Keep in mind this season’s deep, rich colors as you incorporate different beads into your design. You’ll want to make many, so go ahead — each ring will take on a whole new look. – Sara Strauss

1 Locate your ring size on a ring mandrel and wrap a 3½-in. (8.9cm) piece of 18- or 20-gauge wire snugly around the mandrel.

2 Remove the wire from the mandrel and make a loop at one end.

3 Make a small half-loop at the end of a 6-in. (15cm) piece of 24- or 26-gauge wire and attach it to the ring, as shown.

4 Using either chainnose or bentnose pliers, hold the band in place. Make three or more wraps around the ring with the 24- or 26-gauge wire.

EDITOR’S TIP
For a thicker band, start with an 8-in. (20cm) piece of 18- or 20-gauge wire and wrap it several times around the ring mandrel. Use a 10-in. (25cm) piece of 24- or 26-gauge wire to attach the beads.
String a bead and make three or more wraps around the ring. Repeat two more times.

Pass the wire up through the ring’s loop.

Tuck the end of the wire under one of the beads. Trim the excess wire.

Supply List

- 3 3–10mm beads
- 3½ in. (8.9cm)
- 18- or 20-gauge dead-soft wire
- 6 in. (15cm) 24- or 26-gauge half-hard wire
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- bentnose pliers (optional)
- diagonal wire cutters
- ring mandrel