

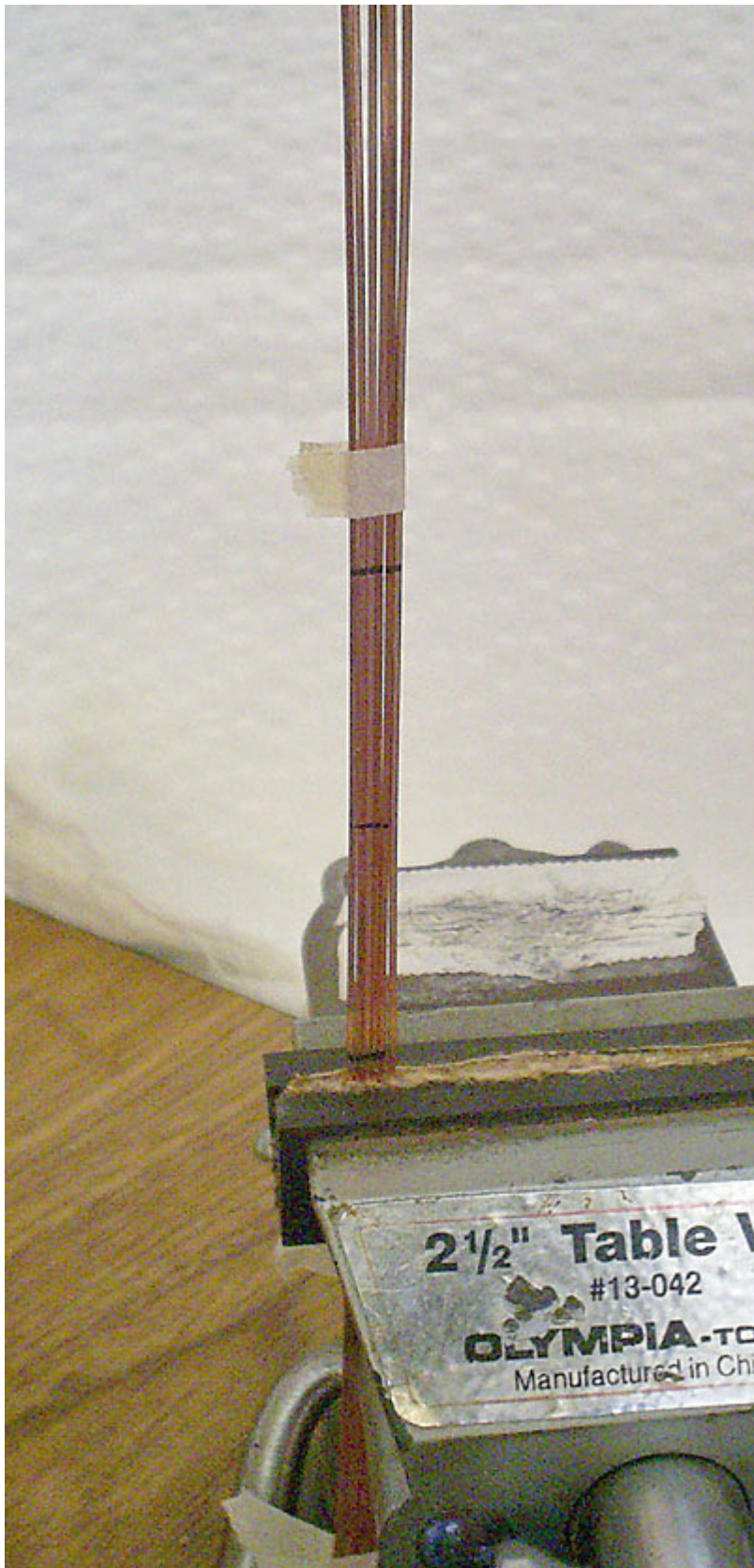
Three over Three Woven Band Ring



For this photo purposes I used 21 gauge square wire. For the actual ring you will need either 21 gauge soft Sterling Silver or 21 gauge Gold Fill wire. Either one will make a beautiful ring.

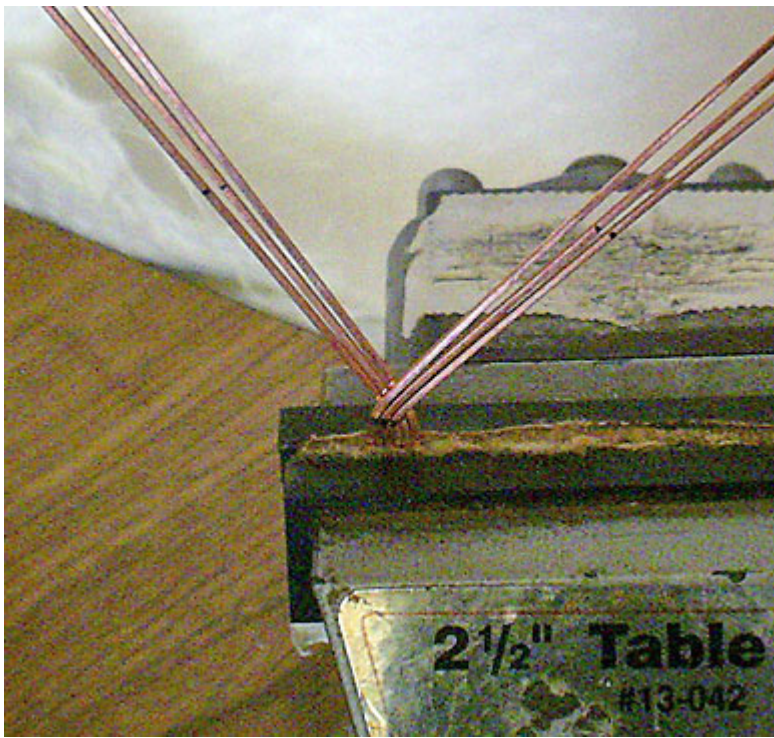
Materials: Makes a size 7 ring
6 pieces of 21 gauge square wire 6" long

Tools:
Small table vice
Round nose pliers
Flat nose pliers
Wire cutters
Tape
Fine line marking pen
Ring Mandrel
Rawhide or plastic hammer

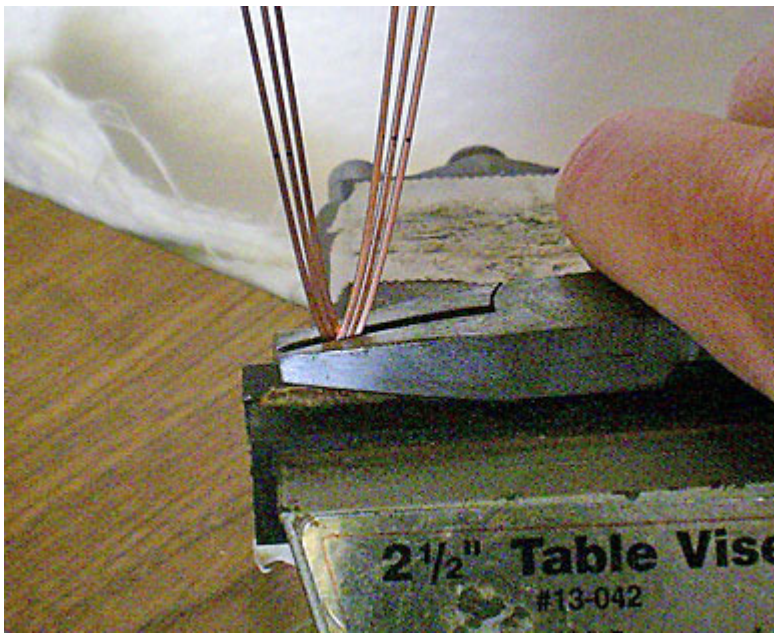


Clamp your bundle of wires into your vice just a tad below your first mark as shown. This will be the start of your braid/weave. You can now remove the tape from the upper section of the wire.

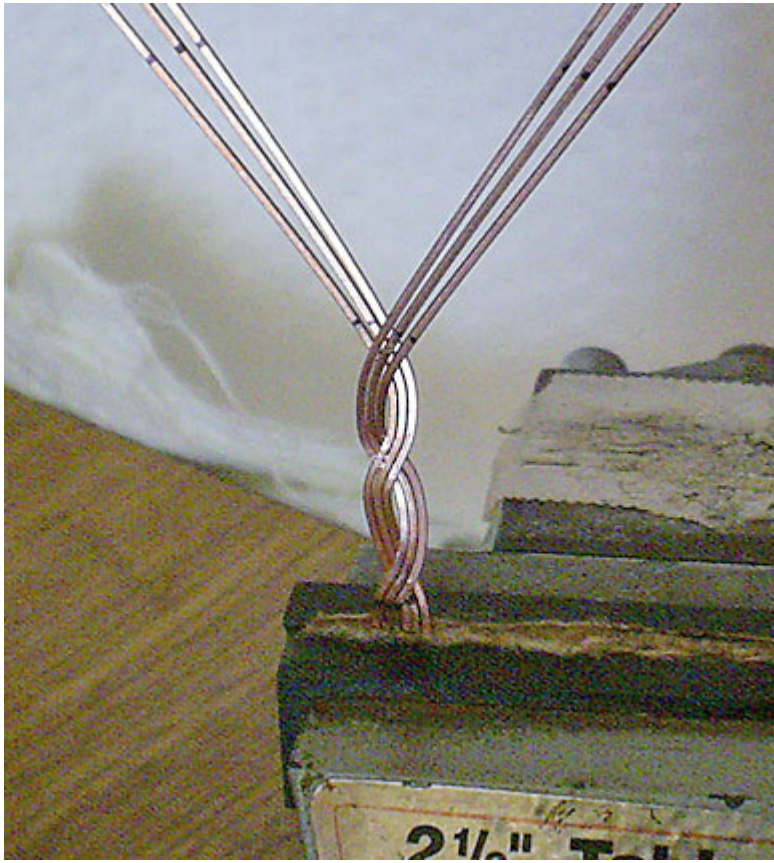
I recommend then taping each of the three wire sections to make it a bit easier to keep them together.



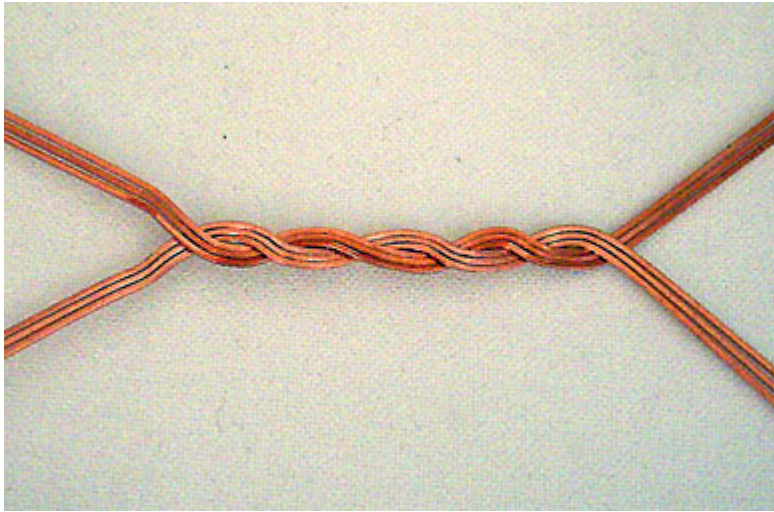
Now cross your two three wire sections over one another as shown.



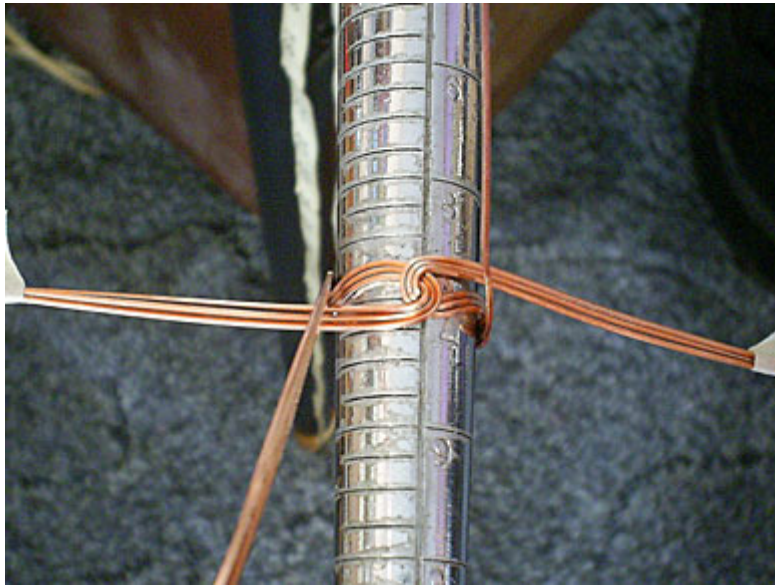
At this point I find it helpful to hold your crossed wires with the flat nose pliers before making your next cross over. This helps to hold the wires firm and in place.



This shows the band about half done. Just continue crossing the wires in front and behind until you reach the upper marks.



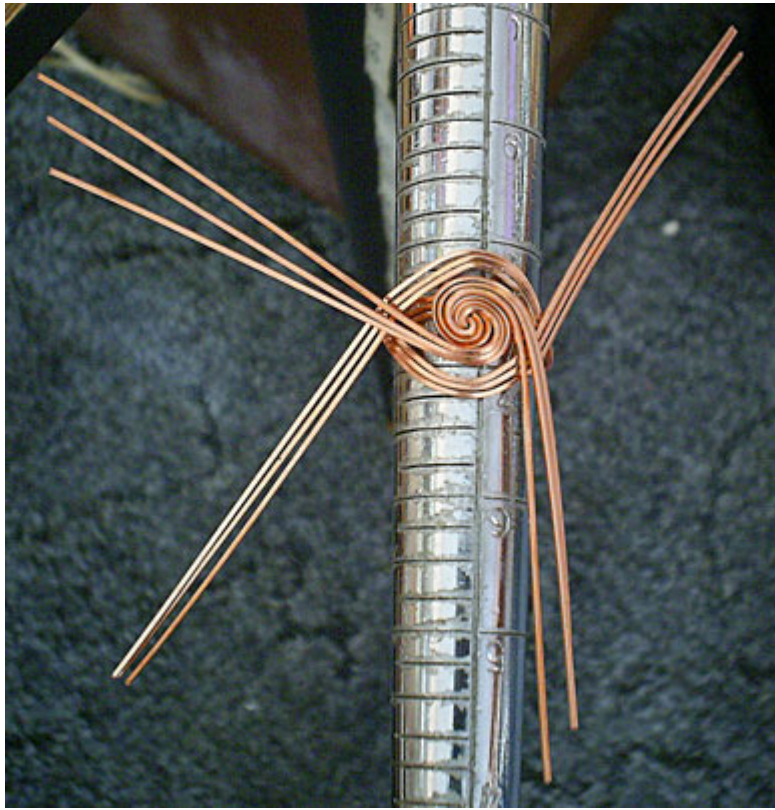
Once you have woven your band completely between the two outer marks it should look like this.



Now you need to shape your band around your ring mandrel at a mark just slightly larger than the finished size wanted.

Now take the three wires on either side that are next to the mandrel and wind them around one another in the center.

From this point on I will show you pretty much how I finished my ring. You may finish yours like this or any way you like



Bring your winding wires above the other sets and wind around each other as shown. Then take the other sets of side wires and bring them around the center something like shown.



Now take these and bend over your band just above where the weave stops. Clip short enough to fit through your band and press under with your fingers. Now clip off excess and clamp tight with your flat nose pliers.



Finally, bring your center wires around a bit more, bend over and shorten as in the above step. Press under with your fingers, trim off excess and clamp tight with your flat nose pliers. Ring should resemble the one shown. Use your rawhide or plastic hammer to make sure everything is tight and well rounded.

I admit this isn't a very good example but the copper wire is a little more difficult to work with. At least it is for me. Finished ring should look more like the one below done in Sterling Silver soft temper. Oh yeah, by the time your done you will have work hardened your metal.

