

Unisex Ring With A Twist

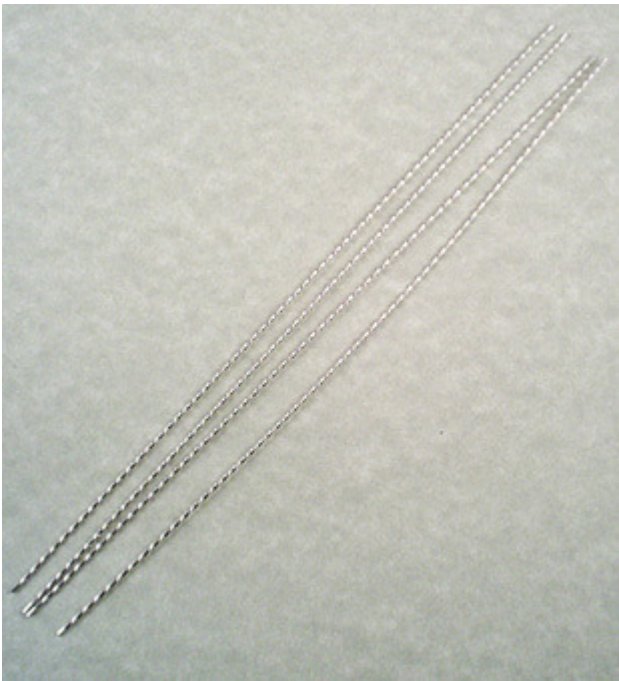


For a size 7 ring, you will need:

28" of square 21 gauge dead soft Sterling or Gold Fill Wire cut into four 7" lengths. You can use 20 gauge or 18 gauge for a man's ring and add 1/8" to the lengths of the wires for each larger size.

Tools:

Pair of pin vices or something to hold the wires for twisting.
Wire cutters
Flat nose plier
Ring Mandrel
File for smoothing cut ends

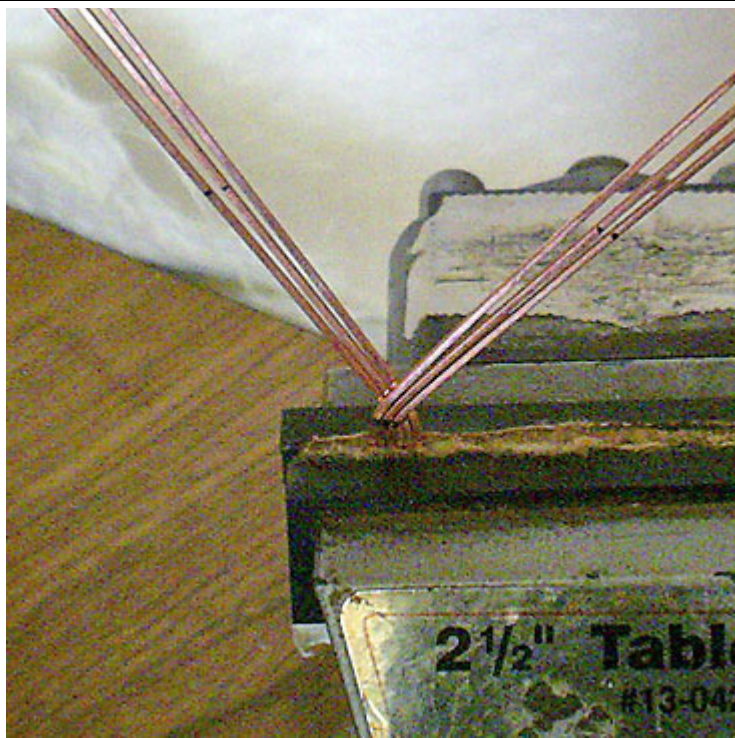


Use what ever twisting method you have and twist all four wires. I twisted these about 15 times each. It is important to keep count of your twists so all are even.

NOTE: This will also work harden the wire making it sturdier.

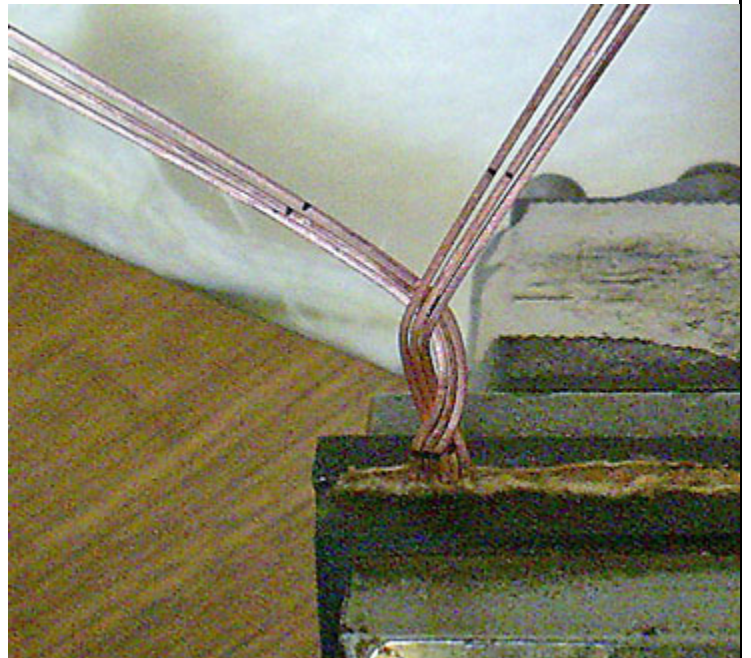


Tape wires together and mark at center and one inch on each side of center. This is for a size 8 ring.



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Chuck one end of your bundle into your bench vice. Remove tape from upper ends and begin weaving as shown. Continue until you reach your upper marks.





Completed woven band will look like this. Now your ready for shaping.

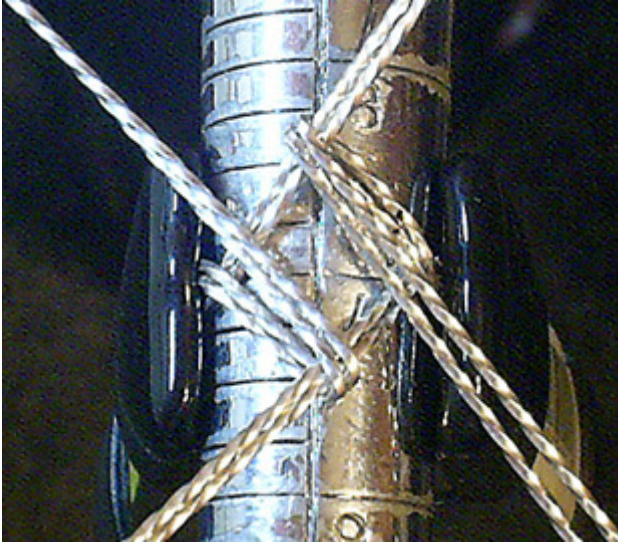


For a size 8 ring shape your band around the ring manderal at the size 7 mark. If you have a clamp similar to the one in the photo use it to hold the ring in place. Makes it a lot easier.



Make sure the ends of your weave are centered on either side of the manderal center line as shown.

Take your wire ends and criss cross them as shown pressing them down as firmly as possible.



Next fold the bottom sets of wires over the tops of the upper wires at a slight angle. Press down firmly. You can also tap with your rawhide hammer if you prefer.



Now take the remaining sets of wires and fold them over the first two. The top of the ring should look like this.



Bend the bottom two sets over the edge. Trim just short enough to be able to push through the inside of the band. Press up towards the top and trim leaving enough to be able to clamp snugly. At this point you should file those ends then clamp tightly with your flat nose plier.



Repeat the above step with the remaining wires. Finished ring will look like the one on the left and below.



Options

You can also use 20 gauge wire for a slightly heavier look or even a 22 gauge wire for a little more delicate appearance. You might also want to opt for using six wires rather than the four. Just follow the same procedures as shown.

For smaller or larger rings you will have to adjust the number of weaves in the band. It will take some practice.