BRAIDED PEARLS
RING TUTORIAL
with
Susan Thomas

1. Cut 1' 8 braid square wire.
2. Wrap wire 2x around mandrel to the size of your choice.
3. Twist wire together 2x to secure while pulling down toward mandrel to create 'S' shape.
4. Keep wires long but trim flush so pearls slip over wire.
5. Press pearls down toward mandrel and bend wires sharply up to hold pearls in place.

6. Cut both braids of wire about 7/8" and begin unraveling wires on one side using chain nose pliers.
7. Continue unraveling until you get to top of pearl. Repeat on other wire.
8. Using chain nose pliers, coil each individual wire into a spiral.
9. Coil all the wires. Press spirals down against the pearl, circling the large hole. Place last one in center, covering hole. Repeat w/ pearl #2.
10. Now that all wires are spiraled and pearls are secured, press pearls into desired position so they can sit flush with ring band.

Pro Tip
You can make larger or smaller coils depending on length of wire.

Join the Handmade Generation

JTV.com | Jewel School | @JTVSusan