

2016 Holiday Ring

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Materials:

- Larger Center Bead
- Small Seed Beads or other accents
- 20g Wire
- 24-26g Wire
- Ring Mandrel
- Soft Hammer (Nylon, Whammer, Rawhide)
- Flush Cutters
- Bent Chain Nose Pliers



Measure and cut apx. 12" of your 20g wire. If you can, hold on to the ring mandrel or your table vise. Otherwise, hold it in your hand. Wrap the wire around the ring mandrel 4 times at the size marking that is 1 full size above the size you need. I need a size 6 so my wire is going around the 7. Use your pliers to bend the wire ends toward each other at the center where they will overlap. This is the beginning of a rose wrap.



Tap the wires down with your soft hammer to flatten and work harden them. Tap the top and all around the band.

Start bending the wires around each other in a spiral. First bend one around then bend the second.



Use your bent chain nose pliers to bend the ends of the wire around the band and tuck them under flat. Cut off any wire that overhangs the edge and tap gently again.

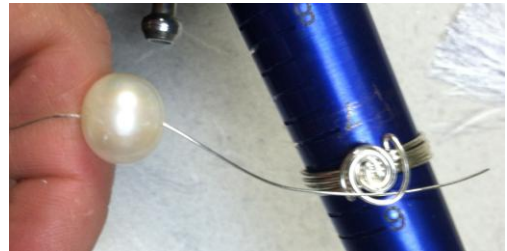


Use your Bent Chain Nose pliers to pull the outside edges of your spiral up a bit to create a cup seat for the pearl.



Next check your smaller wire in the holes of your pearl and your tanzanite beads. If the larger 24g wire is too big to go through, you can use the 26g wire or you may choose to use a bead reamer to open the holes a bit. When you find the size that works, cut apx 12". Slide on your pearl to about 3" down on the wire.

Feed the short end through the space in your spiral arm.
Repeat on the other side with the long end.



Wrap the short end around the band wire. Trim off the excess. You may choose to end the wire by rolling it into a spiral or "rosette". This will be shown later.



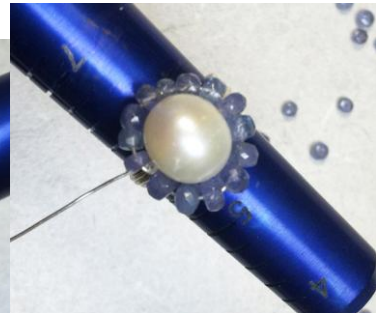
Wrap the long wire around the band the same way but only 2 times then go back up through the space between the pearl and the wire holding it on.



Wrap around the pearl to the other side. Go under that supporting wire as well but continue the loop around to anchor your wire.



String on several Tanzanite beads. Go all the way around your pearl in a halo.
Feed the end of the wire under the supporting wire again then wrap it around to anchor it.



Wrap around the band another 2 times to match the first side that should have 4.
Trim the wire underneath the ring then roll the extra into a spiral "rosette" for a pretty finish.



Thanks, *Christiane*