30-MINUTE
rings

MARTHE LE VAN

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Quick & Creative
Projects for Jewelers

**CUTTING • SANDING • STAMPING • BALLING WIRE • DRILLING
ADDING A PATINA, OPTIONAL**

▶ ▶ Get Set

Sterling silver round wire,
    20 gauge, 3½ inches
    (8.9 cm)

Brass sheet, 26 gauge,
    2 mm wide, 5 inches
    (12.7 cm)

Buna cord, 0.4 cm in
    diameter, 2½ inches
    (6.4 cm)

Bench tool kit, page 9

Soldering kit, page 9

Craft knife

Stamping tool

Liver of sulfur

FINISHED SIZE
2.9 x 2.9 x 0.4 cm

DESIGNER'S NOTE
Instead of stamping, you
can buy a patterned sheet
or use a hammer or a roll-
ing mill to create a texture.

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1. Use a craft knife to cut the buna cord to
the appropriate length for your ring size.

2. Use snips to cut the brass sheet twice the
length of the buna cord. Slightly taper each
end of the strip with a flat file.

3. Texture the brass strip with a hammer
and a stamping tool. Smooth the edges and
round the ends of the strip with sandpaper.

4. Using chain-nose pliers, coil the metal
strip so it is slightly larger in diameter than
the buna cord.

5. Push one end of the rubber cord into
the coiled brass strip until the cord fills one
half of the coil. Repeat for the other end of
the cord and coil. Use your fingers to gently
bend the brass coil into an even arc.

6. Count the number of coils, and cut a
½-inch (1.3 cm) length of 20-gauge silver
wire for each coil. Ball the ends of each wire.
Trim each piece of balled wire to ¼ inch
(0.6 cm).

7. Mark a line along the top centerline of the
coil with a pencil. Use the craft knife to make
a small divot in the middle of each coil on the
marked line.

8. Use a 1-mm bit to drill through the top
of each coil, halfway into the buna cord.
Use a 1.1-mm bit to enlarge the holes you
just drilled in the coil. Do not drill into the
buna cord.

9. Using chain-nose pliers, push a balled
wire into each hole in the coil. Push the wire
all the way into the buna cord. Polish or
patina the metal as desired.

Want to Make Another Ring?

Use different metals or add pearls or beads
to the tops of the wires to add color.