



LARK JEWELRY
& BEADING

30-MINUTE rings

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Quick & Creative
Projects for Jewelers





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SAWING • FILING • FORMING • SOLDERING • POLISHING • BEADWORK

▶▶ Get Set

Sterling silver sheet,
18 gauge, 2¼ inches
(7 cm)

Sterling silver round wire,
14 gauge, 2 inches
(5.1 cm)

Fine silver wire, 26 gauge,
8 inches (20.3 cm)

Beads of your choice,
8 mm

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Soldering kit, page 9

FINISHED SIZE
3 x 2.5 x 0.8 cm

DESIGNER'S NOTE

Buy a pre-made sterling silver band in any width to save time.

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1. Determine the length of metal needed for your desired ring size. Saw an 8-mm strip of the 18-gauge silver sheet to this measurement. File the edges and square the ends of the strip.
2. Bring the ends of the strip together with pliers, and solder the joint. Pickle, rinse, and dry the band. Place the band on a ring mandrel and use a plastic mallet to hammer the band round. File and sand the solder joint.
3. Use chain-nose pliers to bend the 14-gauge wire into an arc approximately ½ inch (1.3 cm) wide and ¼ inch (6 mm) tall. File the wire ends flat so they fit snugly against the ring band.
4. On top of a soldering block, use a third hand and cross-locking tweezers to hold the wire arc centered on top of the ring band. Solder the arc in place. Pickle, rinse, and dry.
5. Polish the ring with a flexible shaft attachment or a brass brush.
6. Cut the 26-gauge fine silver wire into nine 3-inch (7.6 cm) pieces. Ball up the end of each wire with a torch.

7. Thread a bead onto a balled wire, make a loop at the end, and attach it to the arc on the ring band. Wrap the wire tail back around the wire at the base of the bead, and snip off any extra length. Repeat with each bead.

Want To Make Another Ring?

Use a mix of beads, such as wood with pearls, round and faceted beads, or earth tones with bright colors. Use different sized beads for extra dimension.

Have Time To Spare?

Add texture to the band with a hammer or cylinder burr.