

## BEADED RING

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**MATERIALS:**      bugle beads            ) in coordinated or  
                          rochaille beads        ) contrasting colors  
                          32 gauge wire  
                          egg box, muffin trim, or other small containers  
                          tweezer

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut a 44" - 45" length of wire for an adult ring.
2. Thread one rochaille bead, one bugle bead, and one rochaille bead onto the wire. Center them.
3. Thread a second identical set of 3 beads onto one end of the wire. Pass the other end of the wire through these 3 beads from the opposite direction. Gently pull both sides of the wire until the second row of beads rests snugly against the first row. Be careful not to twist or kink the wire; if it breaks, you have to start over.
4. Continue the process for a total of 8 rows.
5. Rows 9 & 10: 2 rochaille beads, 1 bugle beads, 2 rochaille beads
6. Rows 11 & 12: 2 rochaille beads, 1 rochaille bead the same color as the bugle bead; 1 bugle bead, 1 same color rochaille bead, 2 rochaille beads.
7. Row 13: 2 rochaille beads, 1 bugle bead, 1 rochaille bead the same color as the edge or any desired color marking the center, 1 bugle bead, 2 rochaille beads.
8. Row 14: Add an extra bead in the center, using the center color (2R,1b,2R,1b,2R)
9. Row 15: option #1: 2R, 1b, 1b of center color, 1b, 2R  
              option #2: 2R, 1b, 3R, 1b, 2R
10. Row 16: This row is optional. It makes a large center and depends on the size of your bugle beads. If you have bugle beads which are longer than 3 rochailles together, use option #2 above for Row 15, then 2R, 1b, 1b of center color, 1b 2R.
11. Row 17: You have now reached the center of the ring. Begin working backwards ( Row 16, 15, 14, ..... ) Adjust the size of the ring by using the appropriate number of 4 bead rows.
12. Connect the ends of the ring by threading the ends of the wire through Rows 1, 2, and 3.

13. To finish and tighten the edge, “whip stitch” the remaining wire around the ring. Pass the wire between each row of beads and over the original wire until you use up almost all of the wire. Twist off the end or use your tweezers to feed it inside a bead.

**VARIATIONS:**

1. For a smaller ring, use only 1 bead all the way around the edge.
2. Replace the long bugle beads in the center of Row 16 with 4 rochailles.
3. Achieve a striped effect by using 2 different colors on the outside edge.
4. Use 2½ mm pearls as the center beads. If these are not available, you can use 3mm pearls; however, then you must adjust the number of center rows and the surrounding rows because the pearls make the center spread.
5. Use a third color for the center.