

Napkin Rings Two - wired flowers

Wire makes a fantastic base for quick and easy napkin rings - add as much or as little decoration as you like to make your table setting extra special



Floral Fantasy

This design takes the basic **knit and curl** design from Napkin Rings One and adds on a beautiful beaded wire flower.

To make the basic form:-Using 0.315mm wire knit a length of wire 4cm wide by 20cm long. Bring the short ends together and stitch them to bring the knitting into a circle. Now flatten the piece so it is 10cm by 4cm with the stitching line in the centre. Stitch along both the long ends, then bring this new shorter length into a circle, stitching the 4cm ends together. This double thickness ring has lots of texture and all you now need to do is pinch it along the length to give a wavy effect edge.

To make the flower: This is made in three layers and then brought together on the napkin ring.

Top Flower: - Cut 90cm of 0.4mm soft silver wire. Thread 36 size 10 seed beads onto the wire (the pictured design uses RC738). Bring the beads into a loop shape in the centre of the wire. Pinch the two sides of the wire together at the base of the loop and twist the

wire to secure. On one side of the wire thread on another 36 beads, make a second petal in the same way as the first. Repeat to alternate sides of the wire making a total of five petals. Bring the petals together into a flower shape and twist to secure. DO NOT trim the wire ends at this stage.

Middle Flower:-Cut 90cm of 0.4mm soft silver wire. Thread 34 size one bugles (RC033) onto the centre as in the previous step and make another 5 petal flower in the same way as the first.

Bottom Flower:- Cut 90cm of 0.4mm soft silver wire. Using 30 size 10 seed beads on each petal, make another flower as above.

Layer the three flowers on top of each other and attach to the napkin ring with the ends of the wire.

Into the centre of the flower wire an MB631 flower bead to cover the wire joins.

Use the remaining wire ends to make little twisting stamens. To do this bring to the top of the flower one of the wire ends, about a third of the way along thread on a 4mm faceted glass bead, and holding the bead to anchor the wire twist the wire back down along the length. When you are happy with the effect secure the wire ends and trim back neatly. Repeat to make as many stamens as you wish, adding on extra lengths of wire if you want a really full and dramatic decoration. To complete glue some 3.5mm chatons into the settings on the MB631 flower.

Alternative:- instead of using the MB631 flower for the central section just wire the layers of beaded flower into place and simply stitch a few small crystals or fire polished facets into the centre with the wire to give a bit of extra sparkle.

Simply Beaded Flowers

A slim napkin ring, super quick to make and decorate.

Cut a 16cm length of 0.2mm pre-knitted wire. Lay the wire out flat in front of you and fold the long ends into the centre, then fold in half so you have a long, slim strip about 15mm wide. Take a length of 0.2mm or 0.315mm soft wire in either a matching or contrasting colour and stitch the knitted wire along the length to hold and also to bring the short ends together and stitch into place to form the ring. Now simply take two or three pretty beads or buttons, stitch one over the join in the ring and the others either clustered around or spaced along the length.

To vary

Use two lengths of knitted wire, slip one inside the other and just fold once into the centre, making the ring twice as wide and giving the added effect of one wire colour showing through another.

Stitch beads or buttons all the way around to give a lovely cluster effect.

Tie a ribbon bow over the stitched join.

