

Fabulous Feather Wrap Ring

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Create this fabulous feather wrap ring with help from Cooksongold. Comes with guaranteed compliments!



Measure your finger using a US size ring measure. (PMC3 shrinks two US sizes which makes it an easy size to work with.) Add two sizes to calculate the size of the ring you need to make to allow for the shrinkage. Place the ring sizer on the mandrel to locate the position where you want to build your ring. Take a ring strip and stick it onto itself on the mandrel using a piece of sticky tape.



What you'll need:

Badger Balm	700 575
Burnisher	999 AJL
Brush And Cup Of Water	946 010
PMC3 10g Silver And Some PMC3	855 021
Paste/Syringe	855 020
Ring Mandrel	999 820
Ring Sizer (US Sizes)	997 5404
Ring Strip	
Roller And Two (2mm Thick) Spacers	700 591
Rubber Block	999 7151
Rubber Texture Mat – Feathers	700 523
Sandpaper	973 110
Snake Roller	700 584
Stainless Steel Ring Brush	700 597
Sticky Tape (Cello Tape)	
Wipe Out Tool	870 219
Work Mat	700 552

Step 1

Getting the shape

Rub some badger balm on your hands and on the rubber mat and then use a snake roller to roll a coil. Place the coil on the rubber texture mat and place a spacer on the mat either side. Use the roller to flatten the coil into a ribbon shape.

Step 2

Syringe/paste

Add some syringe/generous amounts of paste onto the ring strip on the mandrel and press one end of the ribbon firmly into the mixture. Wrap the coil around the mandrel allowing for a 2mm overlap. Cut off the excess clay and replace in the pack. Join the ends together using some syringe/paste and smooth using a wipe out tool. Then leave the ring to dry on the mandrel.

Step 3

Sanding

Once dry, take the ring off the mandrel and remove the ring strip from the inside. Use syringe/paste to fill in any cracks on the inside and outside of the ring. Again, leave to dry and then sand. Repeat several times until the inside of the ring is perfectly smooth and there are no imperfections on the outside.

Step 4

Fire!

Plain band rings less than 0.5cm wide can be torch fired; place on a torch block and gently heat until it starts to glow a pale orange. Maintain this heat for a minimum of 2 minutes. Rings wider than 0.5mm cannot be torch fired.

Step 5

Polishing to perfection

To polish place on a rubber block and use a stainless steel brush. For a high shine finish, continue using an agate burnisher, or place in a tumbler with mixed stainless steel shot and 1/3 teaspoon of tumbler soap.



