Level of design:
Beginner

Silver Stacking Rings

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Follow this tutorial to discover how easy it is to make beautiful stacking rings using berry gallery strip or beaded wire.

Before You Start

Trim the leading edge of your chosen strip or wire to the start of the design.
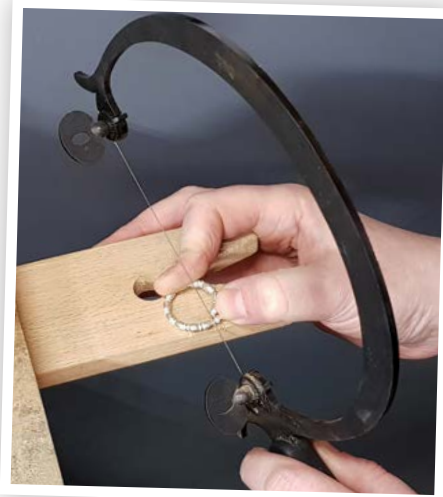
What you'll need:

Sterling Silver Berry Gallery Strip	*NVZ 023 or NVZ 024*
and/or Sterling Silver Oval Rondelle Beaded Wire	*NVZ 028 or NVZ 026*
Saw Frame	*e.g. 997 3322*
Saw Blades	*e.g. 997 3323*
Round Marked Triblet Sizes A-z+6, Steel	*e.g. 997 3601*
Needle Files	*e.g. 999 528*
Nylon Ring Bending Pliers	*e.g. 999 716*
Easy Silver Solder Paste	*PAT 021*
Soldering Equipment	*e.g. 999 096Q*
Rawhide Mallet	*e.g. 997 3118*
Polishing Equipment	*e.g. 999 096E*
Emery Paper (optional)	*e.g. 973 070*

Step 1

Measure and Cut

Cut the strip or wire to the length you want (you can bend it around the triblet to the correct ring size first then mark it off). Saw the strip or wire at a clean junction, making sure you saw at a point that when the ring is soldered it will form a continuous design.
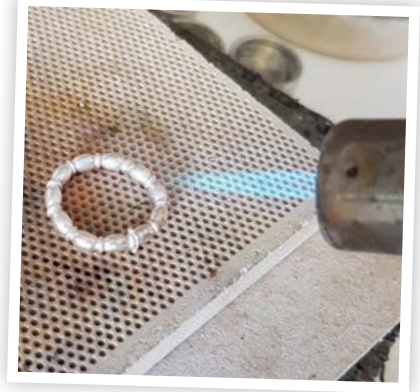
TIP: If necessary, err on the side of it being a little shorter than you want, as the finished ring should easily be stretched using a hide mallet and triblet.

Step 2

File the Edges

Use a needle file to file flat the edges that are to be soldered.

Step 3

Bring the Ends Together

Use ring bending pliers to bend the strip or wire into a ring shape, pushing the edges together neatly. Hold the ring up to the light to check that the joint is snug.
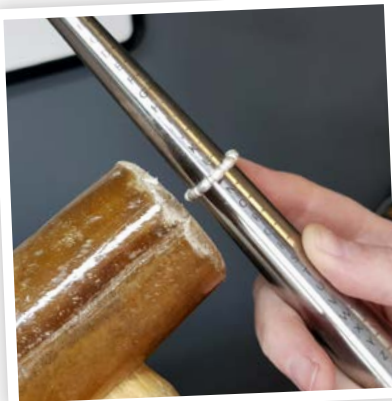
Step 4

Solder and Pickle

Syringe a tiny amount of solder paste onto the join, and solder the join closed. Quench and pickle the ring.
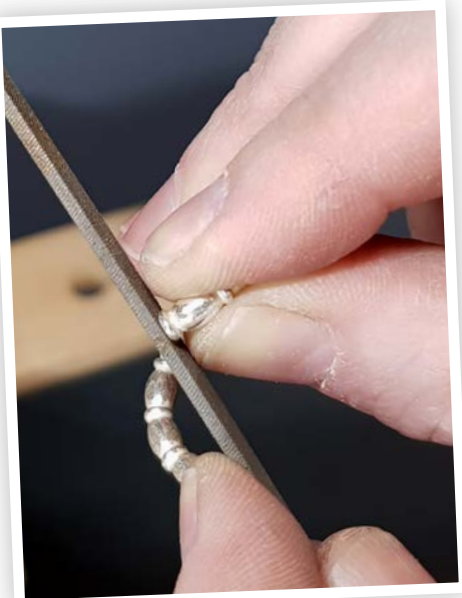
Step 5

Form the Ring

Tap the ring into shape using your rawhide mallet and triblet.

Step 6

Clean and Polish

Check the ring to see if the solder join needs any cleaning up – if so, you can do this with needle files or emery paper. Finally, polish the ring using your preferred method.