

How To Drill A Hammered Ring



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NUNN DESIGN SUPPLIES:

ND Hammered Ring in sizes 6, 7 or 8 Nunn Design Beadcap 6mm Petal Headpin or Balled Headpin

OTHER SUPPLIES NEEDED:

Optional: 1 foot of 22 Gauge wire

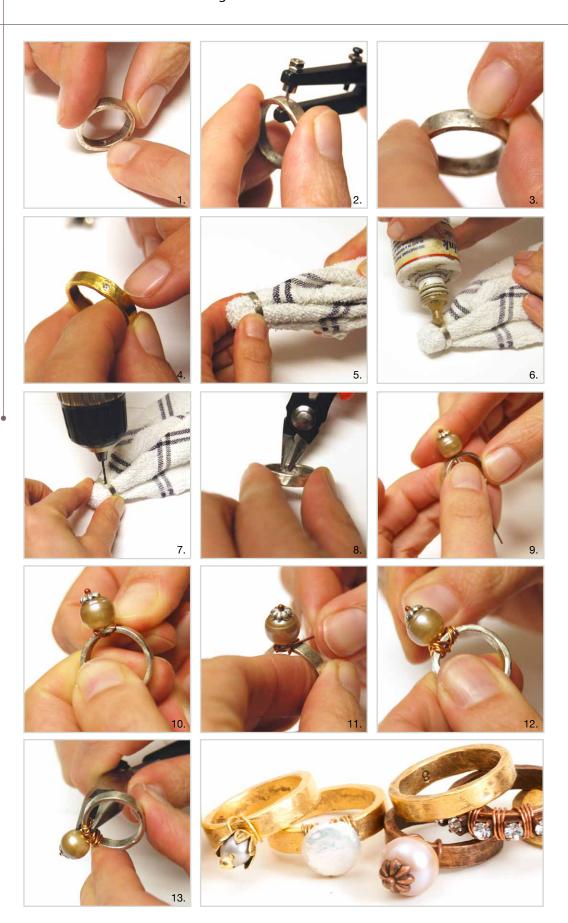
TOOLS NEEDED:

Drill & Oil (I used my husband's drill with a 1/16" drill bit)

Ring Mandrel or a broom handle. Something to keep your nice round ring supported. Flush Cutter Pliers

Needle Nose Pliers Hole Punch Pliers 1.25mm







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STEP 1: (image 1)

The Nunn Design Hammered Rings are marked with the size on the inside of the ring's shank. You will want to drill and wire wrap your items on the opposite side of the ring shank, allowing the mark to remain visible.

STEP 2: (image 2-3)

To prevent from having your drill bit slide all over the ring's surface when you begin to drill, create a small divet into the ring with your 1.25mm hole punch. Just press down ever so slightly to create a small mark.

TIP: The truth of the matters is, you probably could punch a hole right into the ring shank with just using the 1.25mm Hole. One of the reasons I didn't just show this in this tutorial is because I was nervous that it would damage the shape of the ring and potentially cause cracking of the pewter and plating. BUT, when I actually did this tutorial, I didn't have this happen (go figure). After several attempts to make it look really bad, I mean, really squeezing hard, I did make it "flange-out" a wee bit. (Image 4). If you were covering up with a bead, this would be no big deal.

STEP 3: (image 5)

Moving onto the tutorial I was suppose to be talking about...How to "DRILL". Once you have a small divet on your ring, thread your ring onto a surface that will provide the round ring's shape with stability while drilling. This could be a wooden broom handle or a ring mandrel if you have one. I wrapped my ring mandrel with a rag so that I wouldn't drill through onto my mandrel and potentially mark it.

STEP 4: (image 6)

This is my husband's drill and I promised him I'd use oil prior to drilling. Since I more than likely will want to use it again in the future, I thought I better do what we asked.

STEP 5: (image 7)

Place your drill bit into the small mark you created in Step 2. Hold the drill so the drill bit is aiming straight down into your ring and start to "pull the trigger" pressing slightly. No need to go too fast or to press too hard. Just take your time. You will feel the tension of the drill lighten up when you have drilled through.

STEP 6: (image 8)

Take a look at your hole on the inside of the ring. If the hole is slightly rough, use your Flush Pliers to trim away any extra bits you might have in there. You will be wire wrapping the ring, so there will be a buffer next to the skin, but it is good to check.

STEP 7: (image 9)

Thread your bead cap and bead onto your headpin. Thread the headpin through your hole in the Hammered Ring.

STEP 8: (images 10-11)

This is hard to show, but you just start to wrap your headpin around the ring. First go to one side of the bead and then the other side of the bead. I like to use my needle nose pliers to pull the wire tight as I'm wrapping.

STEP 9: (image 12)

I used a wide holed pearl bead for this ring, so I was a little concerned that it could be a wee bit "wobbly." To give the ring additional strength, I used some additional 22 gauge wire to wrap around the ring and pearl.

STEP 10: (image 13)

I like to make things all nice and tidy with my needle nose pliers (even though the messy look is so "in"). Use your pliers to scrunch and flatted the wire on the inside of the ring.