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BRAIDED WIRE RING
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This fun braided wire ring looks awesome stacked with your other rings or worn on it's own. This versatile braiding technique can be used to make rings, bracelets and components for other jewelry designs.

Materials:
- German Style Wire, 24 gauge
- Red Faceted Glass Rondelle Beads

Tools:
- Ergo Chain Nose Pliers
- Ergo Bent Chain Nose Pliers
- Ergo Round Nose Pliers
- Designer Flush Cutter

Instructions:

Step 1 - Cut a 12 inch (30.48cm) and a 6 inch (15.24cm) piece of 24 gauge wire. Step 2 - Using round nose pliers, create a loop in the center of the 12 inch (30.48cm) wire.

Step 3 - Using round nose pliers, create a small hook on the end of the 6 inch (15.24cm) wire and hook it to the loop that you created in Step 2.

Step 4 - Use chain nose pliers to close the hook and secure the short wire to the longer wire.

Step 5 - Thread a bead onto the center wire.

Step 6 - Guide the top wire along the side of the bead and move it into the bottom position.

Step 7 - Guide the bottom wire up and over the newly moved top wire, and up to the center position.

Step 8 - Place a bead onto the center wire.

Step 9 - Repeat Steps 6, 7 and 8, braiding the wires and adding beads to the center wire each time, until you reach the desired length.

Step 10 - Once you have reached the end of the ring, guide the two outer wires to the same side and wrap about the center wire once or twice.

Step 11 - Thread the center wire through the loop on the opposite end of the ring to create a ring shape and wire wrap two times.

Step 12 - Trim the excess wire.