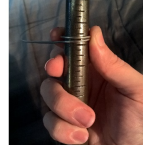




**Your Supplies:**  
 14 Gauge wire - regular stainless steel, it's a bit tough to work with, but it's the strongest. Other good choices are sterling silver or copper, medium or nickel free stainless if you are also sensitive. The stainless steel I use is the 32mm ordered from wire jumping depot on ebay, it's \$51 for a 10lb roll. For the medium or nickel free stainless I use 10mm stainless on eBay. The jewelry comes from either Etsy or Ebay, depending on who has the best price at the moment.  
 Pliers - You'll need heavy duty ones like the black ones here for staples. Regular cutting pliers will work for other metals. You'll need the rounding pliers, either the red heavy ones from the web or the ones you see if you're using stainless. Or round nose like the purple ones, and regular flat pliers like the blue ones here.  
 A needle file to smooth out edges.  
 For the jump ring you'll want to go with 14g stainless, down rounds, I get them from Jewelry Toolbox on Etsy.  
 Round nose pliers, also stainless, also from Jewelry Toolbox.  
 Stainless heads. One large 30mm head with a 3.5mm hole and two 8mm with a 1.5mm hole. Also these heavy footed.  
 Beads of four kinds sold in whatever color you like. I got these off ebay, but many are also sold on Amazon.  
 You can also use chain for your wrist strap if you like, in which case you won't need the heads or waste wire!  
 Ring mandrel for sizing and shaping. Most craft stores like Michaels carries them in either plastic or metal. Laminar the metal ones, you'll need them if you intend to use a rubber mallet to harden the metal.

You'll want to start with about 30" of wire.  
 Use half hard (paw) wire if you're going with sterling or copper. The stainless (either regular or round head) and the medium or nickel free stainless, which is how to split making. If you feel you need the wire harder, you can use a rubber mallet and hammer your split ends in on the mandrel (round nose pliers).  
 The cord you use should be a 3mm, which is the standard.  
 All the supplies, used for the wire, you can get at Michaels or Amazon.com wire (through Michaels is better). The heads are usually available, but may be hard to find in the right size. You can find that copper wire on eBay, \$50.



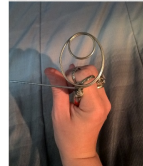
**Step 1:**  
 Shape the top loop on the mandrel. For stainless or sterling, you'll want to shape about two or smaller than your finished size, as the metal will spring out some, bringing you to its own desired size.  
 If you go with sterling wire, make sure you get half hard. The dead soft wire will not be strong enough to hold its shape. Some goes to copper, stainless and stainless (nickel free or regular) only come in one hardness, which is already where you need it to be for making rings.



**Step 2:**  
 Form the base part of your split to hand. You'll want to make it an oval/egg shape rather than round as fits your hand properly. Getting the apex of the loop just take practice, try to use the photo as a guide for the size. Size of the base goes by size of the ring. Size according to you, so don't really have an exact percentage for you. Just practice and shape until it fits you right. You'll also be able to adjust the later.



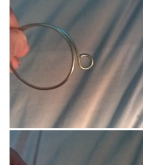
**Step 3:**  
 Bring your wire around to the bottom of the first base loop, keeping it even with the wire from the previous loop, like shown.



Align your rounding pliers (or round nose pliers) with the center of the ring as shown. Wrap the wire around to form a loop at the bottom of the base. This is where you will attach your wrist strap.



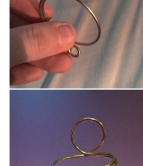
Mark your wire where the loop will end, then trim with your cutting pliers.



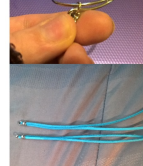
File the edge of your loop smooth with the needle file and use the regular flat pliers to bend it down closed.



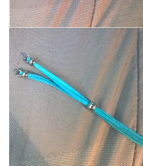
Separate the top ring from the base in a "Y" shape, keeping the rings parallel. Pull up the top edge of the ring and bring them with your cutting pliers. Leave a little extra so that the end goes just where the rings meet. You'll need this later to secure the rings properly.  
 File the edge smooth and bend both down so the edge lays flat against the base.



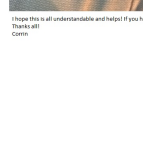
Use one of your jump rings to secure where the rings join. It's kinda pain getting the jump ring around all three wires, but just keep giggling at it. lol :-). This step isn't absolutely necessary, especially if you have a smaller ring size, but it helps to add stability and strength to your split.



I forgot to take the pic while I was working on the split, so this is a pic of a finished one. You'll want to add your second jumping here, through the loop for your clasp and around the wire for the base. This secures it so that the loop doesn't flex down from the pulling of the clasp on your wrist.



Now for the strap!  
 Cut the length of your desired cord about 12" long. Put a jumping on each, fold evenly in half, and push the ends through the Green beads, pulling the bead up to the top just below the jumping ring.



Now you want to hold all 4 cord ends together and push them through the 32mm bead. This can be tricky, using a twisting motion when pushing the bead on usually helps. If you can't get them through this way, use a needle and thread and go through all 4 cord ends, then fold the thread in half, and it through the bead, and use the thread to pull the cord ends through.  
 Once you get your 4 beads on, put a simple knot on the end of each cord so that it can't accidentally be pulled out of the beads when you're taking your splint on off.

I hope this is all understandable and helps! If you have any questions, feel free to shoot me a message either on FB or my email, markdelignony@yahoo.com, and I'll be happy to help!  
 Thanks all  
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