Ring the Changes

These rings are super quick to make – you could make one for every outfit. As a bonus with Red Nose Day coming up soon, we’ve popped in a fun suggestion to help you get in the spirit of things – why not make a few and raise money for Comic Relief by selling them to friends?

You will need:

For each ring:
1 x lampwork domed disc : any colour or round: amber with peacock eyes
1 x silvery sieve ring
50cm Artistic Wire :
(22, 24, 26 gauge depending on the ring type)
2 x silvery spacers mini rondel (peacock ring only)

For Red Nose Ring:
2 x ToHo 6/0 white
2 x ToHo 11/0 black
5 x ToHo 11/0 white

Tools required: - Super glue, side cutter and flat/chain nosed pliers.

To make Peacock ring:-

Onto 28 gauge wire, thread a rondel, the peacock eye bead then a rondel on and let them fall to the centre of the wire. Hold the lampwork bead onto the sieve of the ring and pass one end of wire under the sieve to one side of the shoulders of the ring, and then through the beads again in the same direction. Do the same with the other end of wire, to the other side of the shoulders of the ring, and repeat with both ends a couple more times, pulling the wire to remove any slack and making sure the rondels are positioned and held directly next to the lampwork bead. Pass each of the ends under a previously wrapped bit of wire to finish off and trim the ends, squashing the cut end with flat or chain nosed pliers to prevent it catching on anything.

To make wrapped domed disc ring:-

Onto 22 gauge wire, thread the domed disc and let it fall to the centre of the wire. Hold the bead onto the sieve of the ring and pass one end of wire under the sieve to one side of the shoulders of the ring and back through the bead in the same direction. Repeat with the other end of wire, to the other side of the shoulders of the ring. Next, wrap each of the wires twice randomly around the bead and sieve (without going through the bead), then through one of the previously wrapped bits of wire to finish off. Cut ends off and squash flat as above.

To make plain domed disc ring:-
Onto 26 gauge, thread the domed disc and let it fall to the centre of the wire. Hold the bead onto the sieve of the ring and pass one end of wire under the sieve to one side of the shoulders of the ring and back through the bead in the same direction. Repeat with the other end of wire to the other side of the shoulders of the ring, then repeat with both ends twice more. Finish the ends as above.

To make Red Nose ring:-

Use a cherry red domed disc and follow the instructions for the plain domed disc ring. Use super glue to stick the ToHo beads onto the domed disc to form a smiley face.