

Ring Bling

Add a splash of color to any outfit with this spectacular ring, and let the fun blossom.



Materials:

- tape measure
- single-ply cardboard
- small paint brushes
- acrylic paints
- decoupage glue
- hot glue
- math compass
- decorative paper
- 1 bead
- clear acrylic gloss coating sealant

1. Measure the length around your finger. Add ½ inch (1 cm). This is the length of your cardboard piece. Then decide how slender or chunky you want your ring band. Cut a rectangle of cardboard in the dimensions you need.
2. Paint both sides of your cardboard piece. Let dry.
3. Brush decoupage glue over both sides of the cardboard piece, and let dry.
4. Wrap the cardboard band around your finger to get a correct fit. Hot glue the ends together, overlapping enough to create a strong seam. Let dry.
5. Use the compass to draw a 2-inch (5-cm) circle on decorative paper. Cut out the circle.
6. Use the compass to lightly draw a ½-inch (1-cm) circle in the center of the paper circle.
7. Cut the outside edge of the circle in strips, stopping at the center circle. Bend up every other strip slightly to create two layers of petals.
8. Hot glue a bead in the center of the flower.
9. Hot glue the flower to the ring.
10. Follow the directions on the can to spray the ring and flower with sealant. Let dry.

Tip: For the cardboard, try coffee cup sleeves or look for decorative border rolls found in craft, party, and teacher supply stores.

