Rain Drop Ring® Designed By Joyce Goodman of Knit Kit Jewelry®

The Raindrop Ring will emphasize your words and your love of knitting with motion, drama and style.

The body of the ring is knit in the round. The knitting starts flat with a little "apron" at bottom (see the picture) and finishes flat with a gracefully draped point - crowned by a swinging gemstone.

It's a good idea to practice your wire knitting until you get a nice, tight gauge. The ring takes so little wire, you can make one for every finger and one every friend from a single spool.

Knit it today. Wear it tonight. Make a statement.

Materials:

- 30 gage coated copper craft wire
- 1 Bead, preferably a Briolette (teardrop shaped and drilled across the point)
- One set Size 2 double pointed knitting needles (6 -7" long work best)



Or, follow these instructions to size it yourself:

- Measure circumference of finger at base. (example circumference = 2.5")
- Make swatch to determine gage. (example gage = 7 sts/inch)
- Multiply circumference by gage (example 2.5" x 7 sts/" = 15).
- Round up or down to closest even number. (example Rd up to 16) This is the total number of stitches you need to go around your finger and have at the end of Row 5. (example 16 sts)
- For the initial cast on: divide the total by two (ex.- 16/2 = 8); The next higher even number is your initial cast on. (example 8 + 2 = 10, so cast on 10 sts to start.)
- Rows 4 & 5 cast-on stitches: Subtract the initial cast on number from the total and divide by 2 (example 16 10 = 6; 6 divided by 2 = 3, so cast on 3 sts at the ends of Rows 4 and 5)

Directions:

- Thread bead onto wire and forget about it for now
- Loosely cast on 8 (10, 10) stitches, leaving a 3" tail
- R1: K
- R2: P
- R3: K
- R4: P across, cast on 3 (3, 4) stitches [11, 13, 14 sts]
- R5: K across, cast on 3 (3, 4) stitches [14, 16, 18 sts]
- Divide stitches on 3 or 4 needles and connect, being careful not to twist. Place marker at beginning of round.
- Rounds 6-14: knit every round
- R14: (begin making point) Turn knitting, P2tog, P until last 2 stitches, P2tog

- R15: Turn, K
- Repeat rows 14 and 15 until 2 stitches remain, decreasing the number of needles as required.
- Remember the bead? Now you can pull it up to the needles and P2tog. Knit this stitch loosely to accommodate the bead and give it room to swing.

Finishing:

- Cut the wire & thread the end thru the last stitch and wrap it tightly around a convenient spot. Cut off excess as close to the wrapping as possible.
- Repeat at cast on end and cut excess.
- Bend point down to desired position.

Wear it & Remember: Talk with your hands!

