

Wrapping a 40x20 mm stone (size not included in kit) using Bezel Form



I cut this 40 x20 agate to demonstrate.

First: find a curve on a mandrel that 'fits' the top & bottom of the stone. In this case it is the 25x18 mandrel but on Freeforms you may have to use two or more mandrels to shape the wire.

For example, on the Ammonite I used a 23mm for the bottom and a 30x22 for the long curve.(The heart shaped mandrels are included because I couldn't figure out a 'french' or universal curve.

One of the curves on the hearts should match just about any curve not included in the calibrated mandrels.)



On the Labradorite, I used a 24x14mm for the bottom and a 20mm heart for the curve on the side.

After deciding on what mandrel(s) to use, lay out and mark your wire according to the instructions. Form the bottom of the bezel like so:



Then, move the mandrel to the top and form the top shoulder. Notice how the 'top of stone' mark on the wire is lined up with the '12 o'clock' mark on the mandrel.



Next form the bends for the bail:



Then test fit the cab. Adjust the symmetry of the bindings and ensure the 12 o'clock is correct. (Remember: color, symmetry and nothing to snag the Angora sweater!) (This pic was before I adjusted the bindings and the 'fortification' on the stone really throws off the eye @ 12 o'clock) To adjust the **top** I moved the **6 o'clock wire** and reshaped the bottom until the top was right instead of re-bending the bail wire bend.



It was just a matter of setting the stone (see instructions) and finishing the bail.



This piece sold the next day...

Let me know if you have any questions!

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