

Direction for the Thimble Mandrel

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FOR MAKING BELLS - BEAD CAPS FOR MULTI-STRANDS - TASSEL TOPPERS
AND OF COURSE THIMBLES

Thank you for purchasing the Thimble Mandrel. Have fun.

The Design:

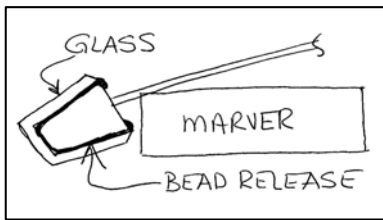


Thimble mandrel comes in one size – suitable to fit the ring finger on an average sized lady's hand (I consider myself average). The unique angle of the finished thimble allows it to “fit” various finger sizes.

Dip in Bead Release:

Apply your bead release so it just barely cups over the bottom of the thimble shape as shown.

Apply Glass and Decorate:



When applying glass for your sidewalls and top to your thimble, be sure to not have any air pockets against the mandrel. Unlike a bead, the inside of your thimble will be seen. I usually make the first thin wrap either white or ivory because the inside of the thimble shows less of an etched look with a light color glass. Your first wrap should look like this. Be sure to marver this first wrap at an angle – you don't want the glass to go where it would prevent the thimble from being removed. Apply your outer glass and decorate to suit

Put a series of dimples in the top of your thimble with whatever you poke with. Yes, I have forgotten to do this and ended up with tiny little shot glasses. If you want a hole to go all the way through the top of the thimble heat and press deeply in the center with a blunt rod. After the thimble is annealed you can use your Dremel to grind the deeply poked dimple all the way through.

Clean and Finish

After annealing and soaking in soapy water, your thimble will practically pop right off the mandrel – much easier than removing a bead! These are the Dremel tools I use to clean the side walls, clean the inside of the top and drill the hole.

