

How to SECRETLY measure the size of an existing ring

There are a lot of tools for measuring finger sizes, but unless you have it done professionally by the person who will be making your ring, there is always room for error. And if you don't know what is critical in measuring a finger, you can get it very wrong.

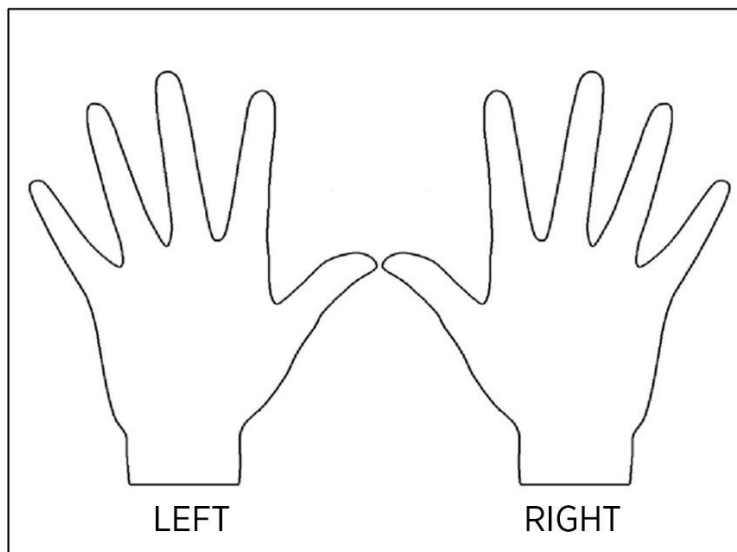
When a bespoke ring is to be a surprise, one way to get a good estimate of her ring size is to measure an existing ring. Some people will suggest that you lay her ring over a series of circles until you find one which matches. As there is less than a millimetre in diameter between full UK sizes, this is just as likely to be wrong as right, the thickness of the lines could be half a size or more and what if the ring has a large stone in it? How do you lay that flat on a circle?

If you can get hold of one of her rings and take it to your jeweller, follow points 1 & 2 here. If she will miss her ring and you can't take it away with you, try to take some measurements yourself following the instructions below.

Here is my method for measuring the size of a ring when you can't 'borrow' it without her knowing:

1. make sure you know which finger and on which hand she wears her ring – mark it on the diagram below
2. check that it actually fits her well – dress rings she wears occasionally may often be too big
3. photograph or draw the ring and measure the width of the band (wide bands have to be a larger ring size than narrow ones)
- 4. roll up a short piece of paper, fit it INSIDE the ring shank and mark across the overlap with a thick marker pen**
- 5. measure the distance between the edge of the paper and the point at which the mark starts on the far side with an accurate millimetre ruler (or get your jeweller to do this)**
6. Compare the measurement with the size chart below

Take all this information to your jeweller and they will be able to make a pretty good estimate of the finger for which you are buying her ring.



Measurement (internal circumference)	UK, Ireland, Australia & New Zealand Sizes	Canada, USA & Mexico Sizes	European sizes
45.5	G	3½	5.5
46.1	G ½	3¾	6.0
46.8	H	4	6.75
47.4	H ½	4¼	7.5
48.0	I	4½	8.0
48.7	J	4¾	8.75
49.3	J½	5	9.25
50.0	K	5¼	10.0
50.6	K½	5½	10.5
51.2	L	5¾	11.25
51.9	L½	6	11.75
52.5	M	6¼	12.5
53.1	M½	6½	13.25
53.8	N	6¾	13.75
54.4	N½	7	14.5
55.1	O	7¼	15.0
55.7	O½	7½	15.75
56.3	P	7¾	16.25
57.0	P½	8	17.0
57.6	Q	8¼	17.5
58.3	Q½	8½	18.25
58.9	R	8¾	19.0
59.5	R½	9	19.5
60.2	S	9¼	20.25
60.8	S½	9½	20.75
61.4	T	9¾	21.5
62.1	T½	10	22.0
62.7	U	10¼	22.75
63.4	U½	10½	23.25
64.0	V	10¾	24.0