

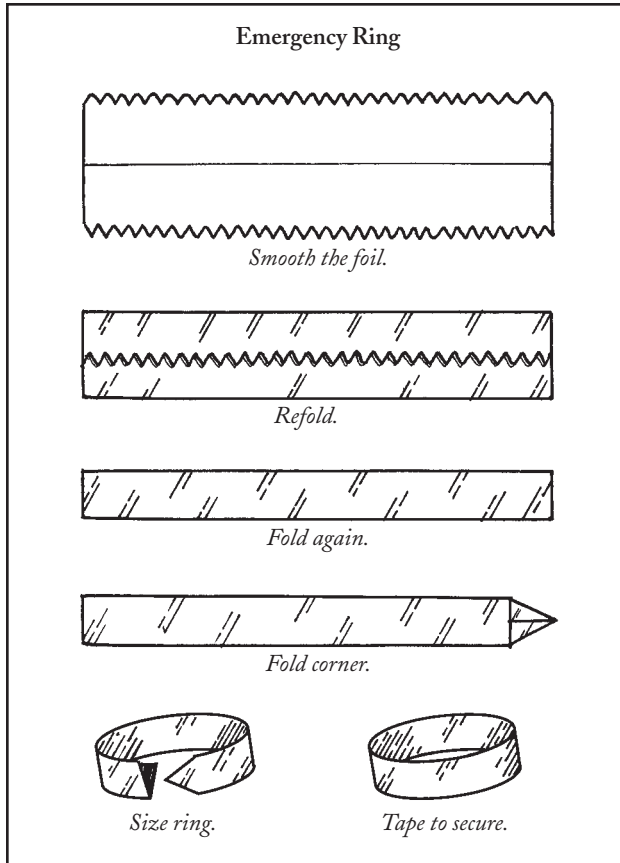
## WORST-CASE SCENARIO.

# HOW TO DEAL WITH LOST RINGS

- ★ **Use cigar bands.**  
The best man or groomsmen may have cigars in their pockets. Slip the paper band off the cigar and give one to the bride and one to the groom to use in place of wedding bands. Large cigars with wide ring gauges have bands that are most likely to fit.
- ★ **Borrow from guests.**  
Send the best man to collect rings from guests. Ask him to bring back an assortment of sizes so that one is sure to fit. The style of the ring does not matter.
- ★ **Use a ponytail holder.**  
Twist the elastic in figure-8s until it is small enough to fit on a finger.
- ★ **Bend paperclips.**  
Straighten and then bend the paperclips into a ring. Watch for sharp ends.
- ★ **Braid rubber bands.**  
Braid three rubber bands, then tie loose ends together to form a ring.

## HOW TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY RING

You will need the foil wrapper from a stick of chewing gum and a piece of tape. For a man's ring, use an entire wrapper; for a woman's ring, use a wrapper that has been cut in half lengthwise.



- 1 Remove the gum from the foil wrapper.**  
Discard or chew the gum.
- 2 Smooth the foil on a flat surface.**  
Flatten all wrinkles and folds.
- 3 Refold the wrapper lengthwise.**  
Follow the existing crease lines and fold each of the longer sides up to meet in the middle, leaving the short ends unfolded.
- 4 Fold the wrapper in half lengthwise.**  
The seams will be hidden in the middle.
- 5 Fold one end into a point.**
- 6 Insert the point into the fold.**
- 7 Fit the strip around your finger in the shape of a ring.**  
Size the ring to a comfortable fit.
- 8 Secure the ring with a small piece of tape.**

### Be Aware

If a gum wrapper is not available, or if you prefer a different color ring, you can use paper money. Select foreign currencies for a more dramatic palate. Other options (cut to fit) include candy bar wrappers, aluminum foil, writing paper, or bank checks.