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Hey Jewelry Fans,

If you're someone who loves to adorn their ears with fun and fabulous dangling earrings, this is the eBook for you. This collection of DIY earrings features projects in a variety of styles with one common element: wire! This selection of amazing wire jewelry making tutorials is centered on wire earrings, specifically wire hoop earrings and wire-wrapped earrings. From learning how to make knotted wire stud earrings to discovering how to make wire-wrapped bird's nest earrings, you are sure to find a way to create beautiful works of art with these homemade jewelry pieces. Earrings are one of the quickest and easiest types of DIY jewelry projects to make; and, these homemade wire earrings are no exception. Follow along with these wire jewelry making tutorials and you will have five fabulous new sets of awesome earrings in no time!

With *How to Make Earrings: 5 Wonderful Wire Earrings* you will be able to craft pair of homemade earrings that fit with any sense of style. Whether you prefer the romantic elegance of the DIY Hoop Earrings with Filigree, the shimmering and chic Tapered Seed Bead Dangle Hoops, or the utterly glamorous Crystal Rainbow DIY Earrings, there is a pair of earrings in this collection for you. With both simple and intricate wire designs, each project will help you learn a new skill while creating a stunning set of DIY wire earrings. By printing out this free eBook, you will have an amazing resource for the best DIY jewelry crafts around. Get started today making these exciting earring sets!

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Happy creating!

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WIRE HOOP EARRINGS

Tapered Seed Bead Dangle Hoops

By: Sandy Huntress for AllFreeJewelryMaking

Spice up some simple silver hoops with this awesome video tutorial for how to make bead earrings. Tapered Seed Bead Dangle Hoops add a cascade of shimmering metallic seed beads for a dynamic variation on your typical hoop earrings. Choose a variety of seed beads in a monochromatic color scheme to achieve this stunning effect. You won't believe how easy it is to make these gorgeous seed bead earrings.



Materials:

- two 4-inch pieces of 22-gauge wire
- 14 head pins
- glass seed beads in color(s) of your choice
- 16 small clear glass beads
- round nose pliers
- chain nose pliers
- wire cutters
- 1-inch dowel
- jewelry hammer
- metal file

Instructions:

- 1. Use chain nose and round nose pliers to make a loop at one end of a 4-inch piece of wire. Shape wire into a hoop around 1-inch dowel. Repeat with second piece of wire. Pound hoops lightly with jewelry hammer to work harden. Use file to remove any burrs, and smooth cut ends flat.
- 2. Slide 1 inch of seed beads onto a head pin. Use chain nose and round nose pliers to make a loop with remaining wire. Trim excess wire with wire cutters. Repeat to make one more 1-inch seed bead dangle. Then make four dangles each with 3/4 inches, 5/8 inches, and 1/2 inches of seed beads.
- 3. Onto each wire hoop, slide the following: small clear bead > 1/2-inch dangle > small clear bead > 5/8-inch dangle > small clear bead > 3/4-inch dangle > small clear bead > 1-inch dangle > small clear bead > 1/2-inch dangle > small clear bead > 1/2-inch dangle > small clear bead > 1/2-inch dangle > small clear bead.
- 4. Use chain nose pliers to slightly bend last 3/8-inch or so of hoop. This end goes through the ear and then hooks onto the loop made in step one.

You can also watch this video tutorial for additional tips and tricks!



DIY Hoop Earrings with Filigree

By: Shelly Owen from Raziela Designs

Create a dazzling pair of DIY Hoop Earrings with Filigree. Use this versatile and easy wire work tutorial to make yourself a fabulous pair of DIY wire earrings. Lightweight and fashionable, these homemade earrings easily customized to your tastes. This pair of filigree hoop earrings is fabulous to make as a gift for a friend, or as a quick addition to a stylish ensemble. Embellish the loops of the filigree by wire wrapping crystals or other types of small beads into the loops. The possibilities are endless with these wonderful wire earrings.



Materials:

- 20 gauge silver plated copper wire or any wire you choose
- Wire Jig
- Round Nose Pliers
- Flat Nose or Chain Nose Pliers
- Marker
- Emery Board or Wire Rounder

SPECIAL NOTE: DO NOT USE HALF-HARD WIRE. Your pegs will snap.

Instructions:

- 1. Measure, cut, and straighten two 10 inch pieces of wire. Form a loop at one end of each piece of wire. Set aside.
- 2. Place 16 pegs into the jig in two rows of 8 diagonally across the jig.



3. Place one piece of wire between the rows of pegs. Slide the loop all the way against the pegs.



4. Begin wrapping the wire around each peg forming a series of figure 8s.



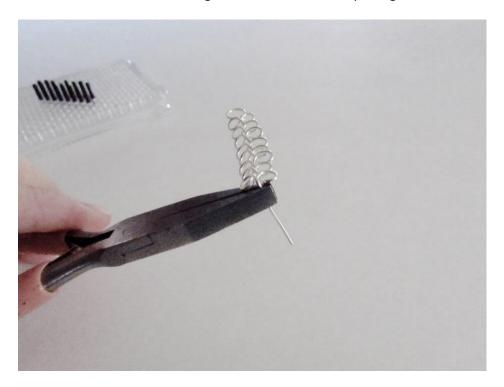
5. Gently slide form off the jig.



6. Press the loops closed using flat or chain nose pliers. Adjust any odd shaped loops with round nose pliers.



7. Bend the end of the wire at a 90° angle flush with the last loop using flat or chain nose pliers.



8. Wrap form around the barrel of a marker. Slip the tail into the end loop.





9. Make a slight bend in the very end of the wire using flat or chain nose pliers. Trim if necessary.





10. Smooth wire end with emery board or wire rounder.



11. Repeat for second wire.



Crystal Rainbow DIY Earrings

By: Prima Bead

These Crystal Rainbow DIY Earrings are elegant without sacrificing playful color and pattern. The muted rainbow beads and aquamarine triangles of the outer hoop create a scheme reminiscent of art deco design while the inner silver teardrop encloses a Swarovski crystal pendant on each earring for a modern and updated look. The combination of colored geometric shapes and light-scattering accents make this pair of DIY earrings a dreamy must-try project, and these pretties can be worn casually or formally. Make your own pair with this step-by-step tutorial.



Materials:

- 1 pk #2950227 10pc Silver Plate Ball Hook Wire
- 1 pk #34719038 180pc Eye Pin Silver
- 1 pk #29502212 2pc 21mm Silver Plated Open Oval Teardrop
- 1 pk #3202002 40' .3mm 7-Strand Bead Wire- Silver
- 1 pk #34733051 40g Purple Rainbow 11-0 Seed Beads
- 1 pk #2950206 75pc Silver Plate Crimp Bead
- 1 pk #77528193 Swarovski 11x5.5mm Briolette Pendant Crystal AB 6010 2pc
- 1 pk #72099725 Czech Mates Triangle 6mm: Aquamarine Celsian, 50pc
- #4501 Bead Crimping Pliers
- #6854 Needle Nose Pliers and Cutter Precision Comfort
- #4477 Parrot Beak Memory Wire Cutter
- #6858 Round Nose Pliers Precision Comfort

Materials indicate item numbers from https://www.primabead.com/

Instructions:

- 1. Cut (2) 6" lengths of beading wire.
- 2. Using a crimp bead, attach the two wires to the top loop of a teardrop frame.
- 3. Thread onto each strand a single seed bead. Then thread each strand through the holes of a two-hole triangle bead. Repeat this step until there are 16 sets of seed beads and 15 triangle beads.
- 4. Using a crimp bead, attach the two wires to the same top loop of the teardrop frame.
- 5. Trim the excess beading wire flush against the crimp tubes.
- 6. Attach an ear wire to the same top loop of the teardrop frame.
- 7. Using an eye pin and the briolette drop, form a small briolette and attach it to the inside loop of the teardrop frame.
- 8. Repeat steps 1-7 for the matching earring.



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WIRE-WRAPPED EARRINGS

Knotted Stud Earrings

By: Allison Murray from Dream a Little Bigger

Don't be afraid of the knots! The Knotted Stud Earrings use simple wire-wrapping that will have you finishing these DIY earrings in no time. If you've been wondering how to make wire earrings, or how to make stud earrings, you'll learn all about both in this great tutorial. All you need is the right wire and a readiness to learn. Once you get the hang of the wire-wrapping, you'll be able to make dozens of these little accessories, enough for all the family and friends who'll want their own.



Materials:

- 18 gauge jewelry wire
- earring backs
- jewelry pliers
- jewelry nippers
- jewelry file

Instructions:

 Wrap the wire around your rounded jewelry pliers in a haphazard manner. Just keep track of the number of times you go around to keep your earrings consistent. Remove from the pliers and using your fingers or the pliers themselves smash the knot to flatten out as much as you can. Cut off about an inch of wire and continue to make the second knot for the second earring.



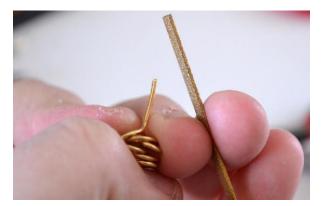
2. Take the wire and bend to form the post that will go into your earlobe.



3. Trim the posts to be a standard earring size.



4. Use your jewelry file to knock away any sharp edges. Not everyone does this, but it is highly advisable.



5. Place your earring backs on. See how the back post isn't 100% straight? It's no biggie and works perfectly well. You can't tell when they're on.





How to Make Bird's Nest Wire Earrings

By: Eva Ferrebee for AllFreeJewelryMaking

Have you seen those wire bird's nest necklaces everywhere? Switch it up with this easy jewelry making tutorial on how to make bird's nest wire earrings! It's the same basic idea taking on a fun fresh feel! If you are looking for a fun way to make wire-wrapped DIY earrings, this is the homemade jewelry project you've been looking for.



Materials:

- 24 gauge wire
- 3 small beads
- Ear wires
- Cutters
- Round nose pliers
- Flat nose pliers

Instructions:

- 1. Working off the spool of wire, bead the 3 beads onto the wire. Push the beads together forming a triangle and twist the end of the wire to the body of the wire tightly to secure the beads. Tuck the end of the wire down, using the flat nose pliers if necessary.
- 2. Wrap the wire around the beads in a "nest-like" pattern. Unevenness and a somewhat random order only add to the character of the piece. Continue wrapping until your desired nest is formed.

- 3. Cut the wire giving yourself at least 8 inches past the last wrap.
- 4. Using the cut end, push the wire inside the wrapped nest between 2 of the beads and tightly wrap the wires that form the nest 3 or 4 times. Move the wire down and repeat again in the next space. Move the wire down and again wrap the nest in the last space. Thread the end of the wire back through one of the beads and then secure it to the nest. Cut and bury the end, using the flat nose pliers if necessary.
- 5. You may now use a jump ring to attach the earring wire or take a small (3 inch) piece of wire thread it through the ear wire. Bend the wire in half and pinch together to form a loop on the ear wire. Then twist the wire on itself to secure. Using the two loose ends, weave into the bird's nest and twist on itself again to secure. Cut, and bury ends, using the flat nose pliers if necessary.

Note: The Bird's Nest can also be used as a pendant for a necklace or charm for a bracelet. Adjustment in size can easily be made with the substitution of different size beads.

You can also watch this video tutorial for additional tips and tricks!



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