

'Tis the Season by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 4 inches

Beads and other products needed for one set of ornaments:

- 1 – 4mm Crystal Cal 2X CRYSTALLIZED™- Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Bead (04BI0141)
- 2 – 4mm Siam CRYSTALLIZED™- Swarovski Elements Crystal Round Beads (04RD0110)
- 2 – 6mm Crystal Cal CRYSTALLIZED™- Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (06BI0160)
- 2 – 6mm Siam AB CRYSTALLIZED™- Swarovski Elements Crystal Round Beads (06RD0168)
- 1 – 6mm Siam CRYSTALLIZED™- Swarovski Elements Crystal Sterling Silver Plated Rhinestone Rondelle (RI0701)
- 1 tube – Size 8 Metallic Silver Round Japanese Seed Beads (10SB0171)
- 1 pair – Silver Color Fish Hooks with Balls (BM0145)
- 4 – 24 Gauge Sterling Silver 2 Inch Head Pins (SS4004)
- 3 feet – 18 Gauge Red Artistic Wire (AW2013)
- 3 feet – 18 Gauge Christmas Green Artistic Wire (AW2026)

Tools needed to complete the ornaments:

Wire cutters
Chain nose pliers
Round nose pliers

Beading Techniques needed to complete the ornaments:

Simple Loop
Wire Wrapping
Spiral Head Pin

For step-by-step photos and instructions on these and other techniques, visit FusionBeads.com and select Beading Techniques from the top navigation bar.

Instructions to complete "Tis the Season" ornaments:

Step 1

Using a 3-foot length of Christmas green Artistic Wire and round nose pliers, begin turning a spiral (see Spiral Head Pin Technique) at one end of the wire and continue turning until you have made approximately 12 complete spirals. The more spirals you make, the taller your Christmas tree will be.

Step 2

Using round nose pliers and fingers, *gently* pull the innermost spiral away from the outermost spiral, slowly and gently guiding the spirals away from each other. Do not pull too fast or too hard, or the spirals will spread unevenly. The result will be a cone shape.

Step 3

Place one 4mm Siam crystal round bead onto a head pin. Place the head pin up through the center of the tree and the cone tip. Place one 4mm Siam round onto the head pin, and wire wrap (see Wire Wrapping Technique) the head pin to the loop on one silver color fish hook.

Step 4

Using round nose pliers, turn a simple loop (see Simple Loop) at the end of the wire at the bottom of the tree.

Step 5

Place one Siam AB crystal round, one Siam rhinestone rondelle, and one Siam AB crystal round onto a head pin, making one unit. Wire wrap (see Wire Wrapping Technique) this unit to the simple loop made in Step 4. You have now completed one Christmas tree.

Step 6

In the same fashion, using a 3-foot length of red Artistic Wire and round nose pliers, make a wire Christmas tree using the Spiral Head Pin Technique.

Step 7

Before turning a loop at the bottom of the Christmas tree, string the wire with size 8 metallic silver seed beads. Stringing fewer beads will allow them to float freely on the wire, or you can string the wire completely. When you have completed stringing, turn a simple loop at the end of the wire.

Step 8

Place one 4mm Crystal Cal 2x crystal bicone bead onto a head pin. Place the head pin up through the center of the tree and pointing out of the cone tip. Place one 6mm Crystal Cal bicone bead onto the head pin, and wire wrap the head pin to the loop on one silver color fish hook.

Step 9

Place one 6mm Crystal Cal bicone onto a head pin, making one unit. Wire wrap this unit to the simple loop made in Step 7.

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