

Emerald Coast by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 2.25 inches

Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:

48 - 4mm Emerald Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1120)
2 - 26.2mm Gold-Filled Flat Circle Components (GF2832)
2 - 37.2mm Gold-Filled Flat Circle Components (GF2834)
2 - 3.8mm Gold-Filled Jump Rings (GF2676)
2 - 6mm Gold-Filled Jump Rings (GF2685)
1 pair - 22mm Gold-Filled Ear Wire with 2mm Beads (GF2107)
5 feet - 24 Gauge Gold-Filled Dead Soft Wire (GW0102)

Tools needed to complete the earrings:

Wire cutters
Chain nose pliers
Nylon jaw pliers (optional)

Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:

Covering a Component
Opening and Closing a Jump Ring
Attaching an Ear Wire

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 “Emerald Coast” earrings:

Tip

These earrings are made by laying one small component over a larger one and connecting a portion of each by covering them with wire as shown in the Cover a Component Technique without beads. The larger component is then covered with crystals, using the same piece of wire. Using a sufficiently long piece of wire may be difficult, but if you wrap slowly and pay close attention to avoid kinks, your wrapping will go smoothly. If necessary, use nylon jaw pliers to straighten any kinks.

Step 1

Lay one 26.2mm gold-filled component directly on top of one 37.2mm gold-filled component. Since the components are different sizes, the small component will cover only about a quarter of the large component.

Step 2

Holding the two components together, anchor a 5-foot length of gold-filled wire by wrapping the wire around the two components three to four times, leaving about an 8-inch tail (see Covering a Component Technique).

Step 3

Continue to hold the components together while wrapping **each** end of the wire around the components, alternately wrapping one end of the wire down one side of the components and the other end of the wire down the other side. When you reach the point where the components are no longer overlapping and the small component is curving away from the larger, wrap a few times around both, then continue wrapping only the large component twice. Once you have wrapped the large component twice with the “tail” wire, trim the wire neatly and close to the component. You will now work only with the longer portion of the wire around the other side.

Step 4

Following the alternative of the Covering a Component Technique beginning at Step 24, cover the remainder of the large component with 24 4mm Emerald Swarovski crystal bicone beads. The crystals should meet the wrapped wire on the other side of the component. If they do not meet, simply wrap the wire around the large component to fill the gap. Trim the wire neatly and close to the component.

Step 5

Using chain nose pliers, open one 6mm gold-filled jump ring (see Opening and Closing a Jump Ring Technique). Use the jump ring to attach one 3.8mm jump ring to the wrapped portion of the two components. Close the jump ring.

Step 6

Using chain nose pliers, open the loop on one gold-filled ear wire (see Attaching an Ear Wire Technique). Place the 3.8mm jump ring from Step 5 onto the ear wire, and close the ear wire.

Step 7

Repeat Steps 1 - 6 for the second earring.

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