

Constellations by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 3.25 inches

Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:

- 2 – 8mm Crystal AB Swarovski Elements Crystal Star Beads (SC5118)
- 4 – 8mm Crystal Silver Shade Swarovski Elements Crystal Star Beads (SC5120)
- 2 – 12mm Crystal AB Swarovski Elements Crystal Star Beads (SC5107)
- 1 pair – 15mm Sterling Silver French Hoops with 2mm Beads (SS2607)
- 2 – 8mm Sterling Silver Closed Jump Rings (SS3979)
- 6 – 20 Gauge Sterling Silver 2 Inch Head Pins (SS2500)
- 8 – 20 Gauge Sterling Silver 3 Inch Head Pins (SS4696)

Tools needed to complete one pair of earrings:

- Wire cutters
- Chain nose pliers
- Round nose pliers
- Nylon jaw bracelet bending pliers (TL0613)

Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:

- Attaching an Ear Wire
- Simple Loop

*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 “Constellations” earrings:

Tip

Because these earrings are mirror images, an easy way to make them is to complete corresponding parts on both earrings simultaneously.

Step 1

Using wire cutters, cut 1/2 inch off the ends of two 3-inch head pins. Using nylon jaw bracelet bending pliers, gently squeeze each head pin until it is curved. Place one 12mm Crystal AB star bead onto each.

Step 2

Using round nose pliers, turn a simple loop (see Simple Loop Technique) at the end of one head pin perpendicular to the curve (the plane of the loop should be perpendicular to the plane of the curve). The curve should be either turning to the left or to the right, and the loop should be to the back of the head pin. Open the loop on the head pin, and attach it to one 8mm closed jump ring. Close the loop completely.

Step 3

Turn a simple loop at the end of the other head pin, again perpendicular to the curve of the head pin but making sure the curve is in the opposite direction as the head pin from Step 2. In the same fashion, attach this head pin to a second 8mm closed jump ring.

Step 4

In the same fashion, use nylon jaw bracelet bending pliers to gently curve two 2-inch head pins. Place one 8mm Crystal Silver Shade star bead onto each head pin, and turn loops perpendicular to the curves on each end of the head pins. Make sure that one head pin's curve is opposite the other's.

Step 5

Open the loop made on one head pin from Step 4 and attach it to the closed jump ring that has the 12mm star curved in the opposite direction. Then attach the second head pin from Step 4 to the other closed jump ring.

Step 6

Using wire cutters, cut 1/2 inch off the ends of two 2-inch head pins. In the same fashion, use nylon jaw bracelet bending pliers to gently curve the head pins. Place one 8mm Crystal Silver Shade star onto each head pin. Turn loops perpendicular to the curves in each head pin, making sure one head pin's curve is opposite the other's.

Step 7

In the same fashion, attach these head pins to the closed jump rings so that their curves are in the same direction as the previous Crystal Silver Shade stars attached in Step 5.

Step 8

Using wire cutters, cut 3/4 inch off the ends of two 2-inch head pins. Place one 8mm Crystal AB star onto each head pin, and turn a loop at the end of each.

Step 9

Attach each head pin from Step 8 to the closed jump rings between the 12mm Crystal AB star and the innermost 8mm Crystal Silver Shade star.

Step 10

Using chain nose pliers, open the loop on one sterling silver ear wire (see Attaching an Ear Wire Technique). Place one closed jump ring with attached stars onto the ear wire, and close the ear wire.

Step 11

Repeat Step 10 with the other ear wire and closed jump ring.

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