

Summer Cheer by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 2.5 inches

Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:

- 2 - 3mm Fuchsia Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (03BI1107)
- 2 - 3mm Blue Zircon Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (03BI1119)
- 2 - 3mm Topaz Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (03BI1133)
- 2 - 3mm Indian Pink AB Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (03BI1373)
- 4 - 4mm Olivine Swarovski Elements Crystal Round Beads (04RD0115)
- 2 - 4mm Blue Zircon Swarovski Elements Crystal Round Beads (04RD0117)
- 2 - 4mm Indian Red Swarovski Elements Crystal Round Bead (04RD0140)
- 2 - 4mm Lime Swarovski Elements Crystal Round Bead (04RD0157)
- 4 - 4mm Indian Pink Swarovski Elements Crystal Round Beads (04RD0235)
- 4 - 6mm Amethyst Swarovski Elements Crystal Graphic Cube Beads (SC5412)
- 2 - 9x6mm Indicolite Swarovski Elements Crystal Drop Beads (SC0121)
- 2 - 40x28mm Sterling Silver Flat Teardrop Components (SS4318)
- 1 pair - 20mm Sterling Silver Flat Ear Wires (SS4714)
- 2 - 3.3mm Sterling Silver 22 Gauge Open Jump Rings (SS3888)
- 2 - 4.8mm Sterling Silver 22 Gauge Open Jump Rings (SS3894)
- 8 feet - 26 gauge Fine Silver Wire (FW0114)

Tools needed to complete the earrings:

Round nose pliers
Chain nose pliers
Wire cutters

Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:

Opening and Closing a Jump Ring
Covering a Component – Outer Edge

Instructions to complete “Summer Cheer” earrings:

Tip

These earrings are made with a variation of the Covering a Component – Outer Edge Technique. Beads are suspended in the inner opening of the component instead of on the outer edge. Before beginning the earrings, first read through the technique completely to understand the general procedure.

Step 1

Anchor a 3-foot length of wire to one teardrop component at the widest part (see Covering a Component – Outer Edge Technique).

Step 2

String one Indicolite crystal drop bead, and anchor the bead by wrapping the wire around the component twice. The bead should rest on the lip of the inside of the component.

Step 3

String one 4mm Lime round bead, and anchor the wire by wrapping it around the component twice. The bead should rest on the lip of the inside of the component.

Step 4

In the same manner as in the previous steps, continue anchoring the following beads:

- 1 – 6mm Amethyst crystal Graphic cube bead
- 1 – 4mm Indian Pink round bead
- 1 – 3mm Fuchsia bicone bead

Step 5

Begin adding beads in the opposite direction. Thread the wire through the loop made from the 4mm Fuchsia bicone bead in the previous row, and pull the wire taut.

Step 6

String one 4mm Blue Zircon crystal round bead, and thread the wire through the loop made from the 6mm Amethyst crystal Graphic cube. Pull the wire taut.

Step 7

String one 4mm Olivine crystal round bead and one 3mm Indian Pink crystal bicone bead, and thread the wire through the loop made from the 4mm Lime crystal round bead. Pull the wire taut.

Step 8

String one 4mm Indian Red crystal round bead, one 3mm Topaz crystal bicone bead and one 4mm Indian Pink crystal round bead. Anchor the wire around the component by wrapping it around twice.

Step 9

String one 6mm Amethyst crystal Graphic cube bead.

Step 10

Begin adding beads in the opposite direction. Thread the wire through the loop made from the beads in Step 8, putting the wire between the 4mm Indian Red bead and the 3mm Topaz bead. Pull the wire taut.

Step 11

String one 3mm Blue Zircon crystal bicone bead, and thread the wire through the loop made from the 6mm Amethyst crystal Graphic cube. Pull the wire taut.

Step 12

String one 4mm Olivine crystal round bead, and pull the wire around the 6mm Amethyst crystal Graphic cube. Anchor the wire to the component by wrapping it around twice.

Step 13

Cover the rest of the component by wrapping the wire tightly around it. Trim both ends of the wire close to the component.

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Step 14

Open one 4.8mm jump ring (see Opening and Closing a Jump Ring Technique), and attach it to the point of the component. Close the jump ring.

Step 15

Open one 3.3mm jump ring, and use it to attach the jump ring from the previous step to the loop on one ear wire. Close the jump ring.

Step 16

Repeat Steps 1 – 15 for the second earring.

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