

Splendid Shimmer by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 3 inches

Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:

- 16 - 3-4mm Iolite Faceted Rondelle Gemstone Beads (SE1327)
- 2 - 8x11mm White Swarovski Elements Crystal Drop Pearls (PL6514)
- 2 - 40.5x27.5mm Gold-Filled Teardrop Round Wire Components (GF3052)
- 1 pair - 20.5mm Gold-Filled French Hoops with 2mm Bead (GF2104)
- 2 - 24 gauge Gold-Filled 2 inch Head Pins with Ball (GF2763)
- 2 feet - 26 Gauge Gold-Filled Dead Soft Wire (GW0124)

Tools needed to complete the earrings:

- Round nose pliers
- Chain nose pliers
- Wire cutters

Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:

- Attaching an Ear Wire
- Wire Wrapping
- Covering a Component - Outer Edge

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 "Splendid Shimmer" earrings:

Step 1

Orient one teardrop component so that the point is facing down. Wrap a 1-foot length of wire around the component about 0.5 inch from the point (see Covering a Component - Outer Edge Technique), anchoring it in place.

Step 2

Following the Covering a Component Technique, wrap one gemstone bead, and anchor the wire.

Step 3

In the same manner as in the previous step, wrap two more gemstone beads, one bead at a time, to the component. Cut the wire, and trim the remainder of the tail with wire cutters held flush against the ring. Use chain nose pliers to squeeze the tail tightly against the ring.

Step 4

In the same manner as in the previous steps, anchor the remaining wire on the opposite side of the component about 0.5 inch from the point. Cover that side of the component with five gemstone beads. Anchor the wire and trim.

Step 5

Place one crystal drop pearl (wide end first) onto a head pin, making one unit. Wire wrap (see Wire Wrapping Technique) this unit to the component's point.

Step 6

Open the loop on one ear wire (see Attaching an Ear Wire Technique), and attach it to the rounded side of the component. Close the loop.

Step 7

Repeat Steps 1 - 6 for the second earring, reversing the direction of the ear wire to make a symmetrical pair.

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