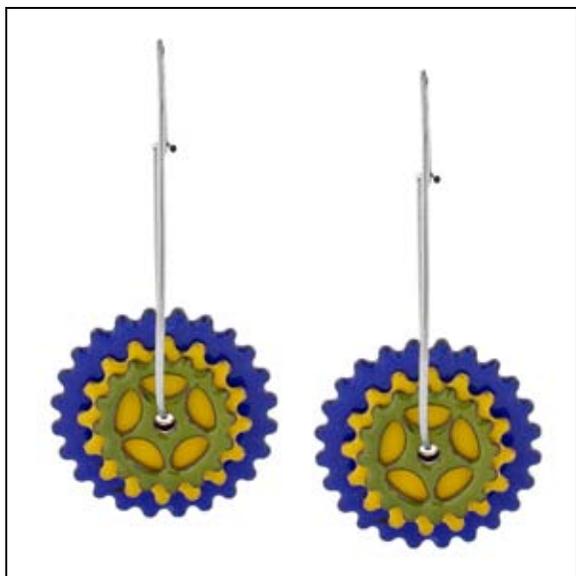


Teardrop Hoops with Enamel by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 2.25 inches

Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:

- 2 - 16mm Olive Enameled Small Sectioned Gear by C-Koop Beads (HM4859)
- 2 - 19mm Light Mustard Enameled Medium Closed Gear by C-Koop Beads (HM4868)
- 2 - 26mm Ultramarine Blue Enameled Large Closed Gear by C-Koop Beads (HM4900)
- 12 inches - 20 Gauge Sterling Silver Half Hard Wire (SW0115)

Tools needed to complete the earrings:

- Round nose pliers
- Chain nose pliers
- Wire cutters
- Ring mandrel (TL0609)

Instructions to complete “Teardrop Hoops with Enamel” earrings:

Step 1

Bend a 6-inch length of 20-gauge wire around the ring mandrel at the size 10 measurement (or use any object 0.75-inch in diameter) into a teardrop shape.

Step 2

Measure 1.75 inches from the bottom of the teardrop, and bend down one side of the wire using round nose pliers.

Step 3

Measure 0.5 inch from the bend in the wire made in the previous step. Using chain nose pliers, bend a 45-degree angle away from the center of the teardrop. Trim excess wire with wire cutters so that 0.25 inch of wire extends from the bend.

Step 4

Using chain nose pliers, make a 90-degree bend where the other end of the wire meets the bend made in the previous step so that the two bends are parallel to each other.

Step 5

Using round nose pliers, bend the long wire end into a hook. Cut off the excess wire where the end of the hook lines up with the start of the hook. The upper wire will fit into this hook to close the ear wire hoop.

Step 6

Stack the three gears, smallest to largest, and string them onto the ear wire hoop.

Step 7

Repeat Steps 1 – 6 for the second earring.

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