

Teardrop Hoops with Crystals by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 1.75 inches

Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:

- 2 - 4mm Sunflower Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1459)
- 2 - 4mm Dark Red Coral Swarovski Elements Crystal Round Beads (04RD0208)
- 2 - 6mm Dark Indigo Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (06BI1371)
- 2 - 6mm Dark Green Swarovski Elements Crystal Pearls (PL5309)
- 2 - 6mm Lime Swarovski Elements Crystal Cube Beads (06CB0134)
- 2 - 8mm Crystal Satin Swarovski Elements Crystal Round Beads (08RD0257)
- 2 - 9x6mm Siam Swarovski Elements Crystal Drop Beads (SC0103)
- 12 inches - 20 Gauge Sterling Silver Half Hard Wire (SW0115)
- 12 inches - 24 Gauge Sterling Silver Half Hard Wire (SW0117)

Tools needed to complete the earrings:

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

Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:

Covering a Component – Outer Edge

Instructions to complete “Teardrop Hoops with Crystals” earrings:

Tip

These earrings include a variation of the Cover a Component – Outer Edge Technique. If you are not familiar with the technique, please read through the steps first before beginning these 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

Anchor a 6-inch length of 24-gauge wire to the ear wire hoop near the hook (see Covering a Component – Outer Edge Technique). String one 4mm Sunflower crystal bicone bead so that it sits on the inside of the hoop, and wrap the wire twice around the hoop to anchor the bead.

Step 7

In the same manner as in the previous step, continue covering the inside of the hoop with these beads in the following sequence, wrapping twice after each bead is placed:

- 1 – 6mm Dark Green crystal pearl
- 1 – 9x6mm Siam drop bead
- 1 – 8mm Crystal Satin round bead
- 1 – 6mm Lime Cube bead
- 1 – 6mm Dark Indigo bicone bead
- 1 – 4mm Dark Red Coral round bead

Anchor the wire and trim.

Step 8

Repeat Steps 1 – 7 for the second earring.

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