

# Birds of Spring by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 2.25 inches

## **Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:**

- 8 - 4mm Blue Zircon Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1122)
- 8 - 4mm Olivine Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1117)
- 4 - 4mm Sun Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1151)
- 8 - 4mm Hyacinth Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1105)
- 8 - 4mm Fuchsia Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1109)
- 2 - 18x15mm Sterling Silver Plated Pewter Mini Circle Deep Bezel Pendants by Nunn Design (PE8491)
- 36 - 24 gauge Silver Plated Brass 2 inch Head Pins (BM2691)
- 1 pair - 11mm Silver Plated Base Metal French Ear Wires with 1.5mm Ball (BM3092)
- 2.5 inches - 3mm Silver Plated Base Metal Flat Oval Cable Chain (CN4117)
- 2 - 4mm Silver Plated Base Metal 21 Gauge Open Jump Rings (BM2723)
- 1 - Silhouette Collage Sheet by Nunn Design (CR0725)

## **Tools needed to complete the earrings:**

- Round nose pliers
- Chain nose pliers
- Wire cutters
- Gem-Tac Permanent Adhesive
- Cotton swab
- 1/2 inch Circle Paper Punch (CR0548)
- ICE Resin, 1 ounce Syringe Dispenser (TL2510)

## **Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:**

- Wire Wrapping
- Attaching an Ear Wire
- Opening and Closing a Jump Ring
- Using Collage Images with a Bezel Pendant
- Using ICE Resin with Bezel Pendants
- Making a Domed Surface with ICE Resin

## **Instructions to complete “Birds of Spring” earrings:**

### **Step 1**

Using the circle paper punch, cut out two bird images in circle shapes from the collage sheet.

### **Step 2**

Cover the inside surface of each bezel pendant with glue (see Using Collage Images with a Bezel Pendant Technique). Lay one circle shape in each bezel pendant, and use a cotton swab to press out any air bubbles. Allow the glue to dry completely.

### **Step 3**

Mix a small batch of ICE Resin (see Using ICE Resin with Bezel Pendants Technique). Fill each pendant with the mixed resin, and allow it to soft cure.

### **Step 4**

Give each pendant a domed surface (see Making a Domed Surface with ICE Resin Technique). Allow the resin to cure completely.

### **Step 5**

Using wire cutters, cut two 1.25-inch lengths of chain. Set aside one length for the second earring.

### **Step 6**

Open the loop on one ear wire (see Attaching an Ear Wire Technique). Attach one end link of one chain length to the ear wire, and close the ear wire.

### **Step 7**

Place one 4mm Blue Zircon crystal bicone bead onto a head pin, making one unit. Wire wrap (see Wire Wrapping Technique) this unit to the first chain link (attached to the ear wire).

### **Step 8**

Place one 4mm Blue Zircon crystal bicone bead onto a head pin, making one unit. Wire wrap this unit to the other side of the same chain link used in the previous step.

### **Step 9**

In the same manner as in Steps 7 – 8, wire wrap the following bead units to the specified chain links (counting from the first link attached to the ear wire), one bead per unit, two units per chain link, one unit on each side of the link:

2<sup>nd</sup> link: 4mm Hyacinth bicone beads

3<sup>rd</sup> link: 4mm Fuchsia bicone beads

4<sup>th</sup> link: 4mm Olivine bicone beads

5<sup>th</sup> link: 4mm Sun bicone beads

6<sup>th</sup> link: 4mm Blue Zircon bicone beads

7<sup>th</sup> link: 4mm Hyacinth bicone beads

8<sup>th</sup> link: 4mm Fuchsia bicone beads

9<sup>th</sup> link: 4mm Olivine bicone beads

### **Step 10**

Open one jump ring (see Opening and Closing a Jump Ring Technique). Use the jump ring to attach the loop on one pendant to the last chain link. Close the jump ring.

### **Step 11**

Repeat Steps 6 – 10 for the second earring.

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