

Black Cat by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 1.5 inches

Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:

- 60 beads - Size 11 Opaque Black Round Japanese Seed Bead - (SB1573)
- 2 - 8mm Mystic Black Pearl Swarovski Crystal Round Pearl Bead - 5810 - (PL5523)
- 2 - 10mm Mystic Black Pearl Swarovski Crystal Round Pearl Bead - 5810 - (PL5723)
- 2 - Cat Ear Bead Cap by Amoracast - Sterling Silver - 3x8mm - (SS8847)
- 1 - Precious Metal French Ear Wire with 2mm Bead by TierraCast - Sterling Silver - 14mm - (SS2601)
- 2 - Sterling Silver Head Pin - 22 gauge - 3 inch - (SS2503)
- 2 - Sterling Silver Head Pin - 24 gauge - 2 inch - (SS4004)

Tools needed to complete the earrings:

- Round nose pliers
- Chain nose pliers
- Wire cutters

Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:

- Wire Wrapping
- Simple Loop
- Attaching an Ear Wire

Instructions to complete “Black Cat” earrings:

Step 1

To make the tail of the cat take a 3 inch head pin (starting at the end that doesn't have the head of pin) and loosely wrap just the tip of the head pin around the shaft of the round nose pliers to make a very open and loose curl. You can use your fingers to further work the wire into an open curl at the end of the head pin.

Step 2

Take the tail from Step 1 and string on 30 black seed beads. Using round nose pliers, make a very small simple loop (see Simple Loop Technique) at the open end head pin. The loop must be small enough so the head of the 24 gauge head pin doesn't slip through.

Step 3

Place these beads in the following sequence onto one head pin:

- 1 – tail from Step 1
- 1 – 10mm Mystic Black Pearl
- 1 – 8mm Mystic Black Pearl
- 1 – cat ear bead cap (cupped side toward the previous bead)

Step 4

Make a wire wrapped loop (see Wire Wrapping Technique) at the open end of the head pin.

Step 5

At this point you can finish working your tail to hug the body of the cat.

Step 6

Open the loop on one ear wire (see Attaching an Ear Wire Technique), and attach it to the loop just made. Close the loop.

Step 7

Repeat Steps 1 – 6 for the second earring.

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