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CZECH CRYSTAL

Charm Earrings

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What You'll Need

Use any color of Size 6mm Czech Crystal Bicones, such as
Crystal AB, SKU 10686722

Use any Connector, such as 28mm (2"x1") Oval Hoops, SKU 10697296

26 gauge Artistic Wire, SKU 10237075

Any Charms, such as Silver Plated Moon, SKU 10633166
Silver-Plated Hamsa, SKU 10633298

Stainless Steel Fish Hook Ear Wires 19mm, SKU 10697700
Stainless Steel Jump Rings 6mm, SKU 10697688

Nylon Jaw Pliers, 10157928

Basic Wire Working Tools, SKU 10334538

Flush Cutters

Round Nose Pliers

Chain Nose Pliers

Bent Nose Pliers

Flat Nose Pliers

Beading Mat, SKU 10348546

Beginner Wire Working

1 Hour Class

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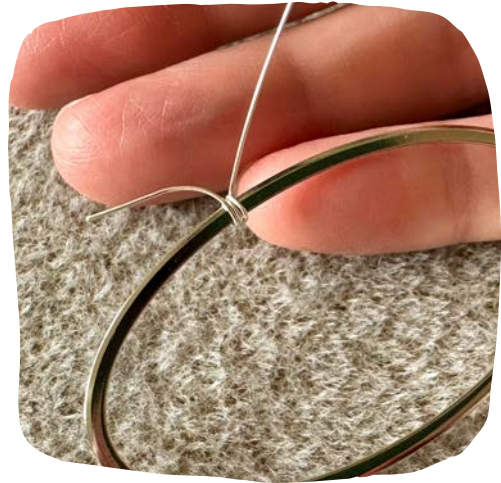
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Let's get ready to catch the sun with some crystal! Statement earrings will be in again this Spring and Summer season. Get the sparkle with these fast and gorgeous wire wraps. In class we will learn a technique that will work with many size hoops and any beads. In class we will work 6mm Czech bicone crystals on the largest, oval hoops from the pack of Bead Landing Connectors. The bigger hoops are the most beginner-friendly for pulling the wire through as we wrap. Learn on the bigger hoops with consistent size beads, then try this design on the smaller hoops and with other beads.



Abbreviations

B6, 6mm Bicone Crystal

Step 1

Cut 20 inches of 26 gauge wire. Hold one end with flat nose pliers and pull the nylon jaw pliers along the length of the wire to straighten and remove any kinks. Next, place the large connector hoop over one end of the wire, about 1/2 an inch from the end, and bend the short end up and across the hoop. Begin to coil the end around about three times. Trim the short end using flush cutters. Use your chain nose pliers to straighten out the coil and flatten the trimmed end down onto the hoop.



Step 2

String (1)B6. Hold onto the bead while bending the wire down. Coil the wire around the hoop.

Tip: you can slide the position of the coils along the hoop, even as you add crystals, you can adjust their spacing and position.



Step 3

Add a total of (6)B6 (or number desired). After your last coil, slide to position so the next step will sit over the bottom, middle of the oval hoop. Use your round nose pliers to lock to the bottom center position and wrap the wire over the pliers, forming a rainbow shape. Coil the wire onto the hoop on the other side of the pliers. You can remove the pliers after the first wrap of the coil is secured.

Use chain nose pliers to adjust and straighten out the coils, and slide to center as necessary.



Step 4

Begin adding B6 and coiling around the hoop after each one, matching the count and relative position of the crystals on the starting side, or as desired.

Finish your design with one last set of coils. Trim remaining wire with flush cutters. Use chain nose pliers to flatten down the trimmed end and clean up the coils.



Step 5

Open up a jump ring and connect an ear wire to the top of the hoop. Open another jump ring and attach a charm to the wire loop you made between the crystals. Repeat all steps for a second earring, then try making more pairs using the smaller hoops from the connectors pack. Adjust the number of beads, try 4mm crystals, and experiment with spacing to achieve new and unique looks.



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