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BEADED HOOP EARRINGS

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Use seasonal bead colors to create these trendy beaded hoop earrings or use your favorite bead colors to match your favorite outfits.

Materials:
- Artistic Wire Steel Bench Block - #D521877S
- Nylon Hammer - #160962059705090050
- Beadalon Stepped Bail Making Pliers - #D696225S
- Beadalon Flush Cutter - #D521849S
- Artistic Wire Chain and Bent Chain Nose Pliers Set - #174105032875081739
- Beadalon Slim Line Round Nose Pliers - #D696221S
- Wooden Dowel, Large Maker or other Mandrel
- Black Teardrop Glass Beads - #10290860
- 11/0 Opaque Orange Seed Beads - #10737746
- 11/0 Black Seed Beads - #10737760
- Beadalon Head Pins - #D295235S
- Artistic Wire, Silver 26 gauge - #10237075
- Beadalon German Style Wire, 18 gauge silver - #10390887

Instructions:

Step 1 - Cut a 4 inch (10.16cm) piece of 18 gauge wire.

Step 2 - Using the smallest mandrel of the Stepped Bail Making Pliers, turn a loop on each end of the wire.

Step 3 - Use a large marker, wooden dowel or other mandrel to create a hoop shape with the wire.

Step 4 - Using chain nose pliers, gently turn one of the loops on the end of the wire. Open it and hook it around the opposite end of the wire and close the loop to close the hoop.

Step 5 - Work harden the newly formed hoop on the steel block with a nylon hammer.

Step 6 - Cut 6 4 inch (15.24cm) pieces of 24 gauge wire.

Step 7 - Attach one of the pieces of 24 gauge wire to the top of the hoop on one side with three wire wraps. Thread 2 beads onto the wire and secure the opposite side of the wire to the hoop with three more wire wraps and trim the end.

Step 8 - Repeat Step 7 5 additional times, adding enough beads to fill the space between one side of the hoop to the other and secure with wire wraps.

Step 9 - Thread a teardrop bead onto a head pin and create a wrapped loop. Before making the wraps, thread the loop onto the hoop and then wire wrap to secure the drop.

Step 10 - Attach the ear wire to the top loop of the hoop.

Step 11 - Repeat Steps 1- 10 to create a second earring.