

# 10 DIY *Earrings*

The background image shows two pairs of earrings on a light-colored, textured surface. One pair consists of large, orange, faceted beads attached to gold-colored chains. The other pair is a simple metal hoop earring.

*Chain Earrings, Metal Earrings,  
Wire Earrings, and More*

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## Letter from the Editors

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Hey jewelry fans,

Earrings are statements. They can add a pop of color to an otherwise drab outfit. You can be bold with long, dangling earrings that steal all the attention from the other pieces of bling you're wearing. Earrings are a simple yet stunning way to take your outfit to another level of classy. Not only that, with these DIY earring projects, they don't have to cost you an arm and a leg. Forget buying big, expensive statement pieces; you can make your own earrings for much less. Create a few of these awesome earring projects and have a bunch of ways to change the whole look and feel of whatever it is you are wearing. Need something that's bold and eye-catching? Make the "Egyptian Gemstone Earrings" (page 9). Want something a little more classic but still super classy? The "3-Minute Red Bed Earrings" (page 22) are just what you've been looking for. Find these and many more projects in this free download!

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## Chain Earrings

### Japanese Flower Earrings

By: [Marilyn Gardiner from Marilyn Gardiner Design](#)

These Japanese Flower Earrings look like the popular Japanese Cherry Blossom. Follow these chain maille instructions and watch as a few jump rings turn into these beautiful flowers. Make the earrings as shown and then try making a bracelet too.



#### Materials:

- 28 large jump rings—1.0 mm diameter (18 gauge) round sterling silver wire; inside diameter (ID) of the rings is 5 mm
- 52 small jump rings—0.8 mm (20 gauge) sterling wire; ID of 2.8 mm
- 1 pair of earring findings
- two pairs of pliers

#### Instructions:

1. Close 12 small rings. Open one large ring and gather up the 12 small closed rings. Close that ring.





2.) Open one large ring and insert it through all 12 small rings. It will lie as a second layer on top of the first large ring. This is the center of the flower.

3.) Open 6 large rings and 12 small ones. Insert one large ring through 2 small ones in the flower center. Insert another large ring through the next 2 small ones.



4.) Repeat this step until there are 6 large rings surrounding the center ring and all 12 small rings are in place.

5.) Open 12 small rings. Link each pair of large ring petals with 2 small rings.

6.) Open 6 large rings. Insert one large ring on top of each of the large rings in the first layer, starting at the center. Maneuver each ring carefully so that you pass through the corresponding 6 small rings.



7.) Join a flower segment to your chosen earring finding with 2 small jump rings.

## Chain Cage Pearl Earrings

By: [Aki from Minted Strawberry](#)

Pearls are gorgeous, but sometimes you just want more of a punk-rock vibe. With these Chain Cage Pearl Earrings, you can have both. These black pearl earrings are fun and unique. They are versatile enough to wear to the office or for a night out on the town. You don't even need to worry about the chains tangling since having them all interweave is part of the beauty of this pair of DIY earrings. Follow this step-by-step tutorial to thread different sized jewelry chains around a beautiful black pearl, and soon you will have a dazzling set of fabulous and functional earrings.



### Materials:

- Different sized jewelry chain links
- Jewelry pliers, cutters
- Beads
- Steel wire - I used 24 gauge
- Earring hooks
- Jump rings



### Instructions:

- 1.) Cut your steel wire and make a loop.
- 2.) Now, cut your chains to different lengths - for mine, the longest was about 4.5". I used three kinds of chain. Thread your chains as shown. Then thread your pearl.



- 3.) Next, thread the ends of your chains to the steel wire again.



- 4.) Finally, turn it upside down (for easier access) and secure everything by looping the end of the steel wire and cutting the excess. Attach your earring hooks and you're done!





## Metal Earrings

### Egyptian Gemstone Earrings

By: [Erin from Thanks, I Made It](#)

There's something to be said for keeping it simple, and the Egyptian Gemstone Earrings pattern does just that. The focus of this accessory is the dark, polished gemstone of your choice. Add some interest with a fan shaped earring setting, and you'll give this pair of earrings a hint of Egypt. This is a quick, easy-to-follow tutorial for those who want to learn how to make gemstone earrings. All you need is a little glue to bring this project together.



#### Materials:

- Brass blanks
- Brass bezels (to fit 10mm cab)
- Cabochons (10mm)
- Earring posts
- Strong glue



**Instructions:**

- 1.) To make the earrings, put a blob of glue on a disposable surface for easy clean up. Use a toothpick to put a dab of glue in the bezel, then press the cabochon in the glue.
- 2.) Add another drop of the blank, and attach the bezel and cab. Let dry. Finally, add a drop of glue to attach the earring post.



## 10-Minute Leaf Earring Tutorial

By: [Rebecca Grafton from My Girlish Whims](#)

Even crafting pros get tired of long projects. With the 10-Minute Leaf Earring Tutorial, you can whip up a pair of gorgeous silver dangle earrings in a matter of minutes. The silver leaf charms work well with any outfit, but since these easy earrings are such a snap, you can play with different colors and not feel like you're wasting valuable time. These earrings are a wonderful gift that's bound to please the fashion-forward friends on your shopping list this holiday season.



### Materials:

- Leaf charms
- Large jump rings
- A small jump ring
- Earring hooks
- Needle nose pliers



### Instructions:

- 1.) To start, open a jump ring and add on one leaf charm.
- 2.) Close the first jump ring. Open a second jump ring and connect it to the first.

3.) Add a leaf charm onto either side and then close.



4.) Continue until the earring reaches your desired length. On the last jump ring string on a small jump ring and then attach an earring hook to it.



## Spiked Stud Earrings

By: [Aimee from SwellMayde](#)

Throw a bit of edgy glam into your outfits with the Spiked Stud Earrings. These DIY earrings are a perfect blend of punk and charm, and they look spectacular with anything from ripped jeans to a formal dress. The pattern's also a great example of easy-to-make jewelry that doesn't cost a fortune. You'll learn how to make earrings from any spare statement pieces after finishing this tutorial, and added new types of earrings to your DIY repertoire.



### Materials:

- Metal Studs
- e6000 Adhesive
- Earring Backs & Posts





**Instructions:**

- 1.) Remove the screws from the backs of the studs.
- 2.) Add a small amount of e6000 adhesive to the flat end of the earring post.



- 3.) Firmly press the stud onto the earring post. Let fully dry.



## Wire Earrings

### Colorful Crystal Fringe Earrings

By: [Jamie Estelle from Jamie Estelle Jewelry](#)

Fun, flirty, and easy to make, these DIY earrings are sure to become favorites in your collection. Follow this tutorial to make Colorful Crystal Fringe Earrings. These homemade earrings take less than an hour to make, so you can create these fringe earrings for you and all of your friends with ease. These wire earrings are the perfect blend of femininity and fun. Create several different looks by adding different color crystals, lengths, or color flex wire.



#### Materials:

- Crimper
- Flat nose pliers
- Wire nipper
- Long nose pliers.
- Any type, color of flex wire
- Crimp beads
- 18 4mm bicone crystal (any color)
- 2 French ear wires
- 2 jump rings

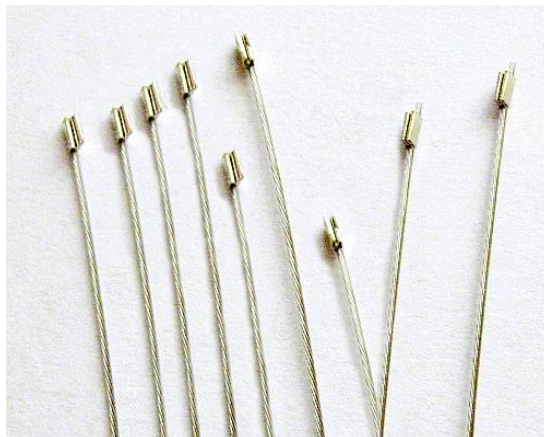


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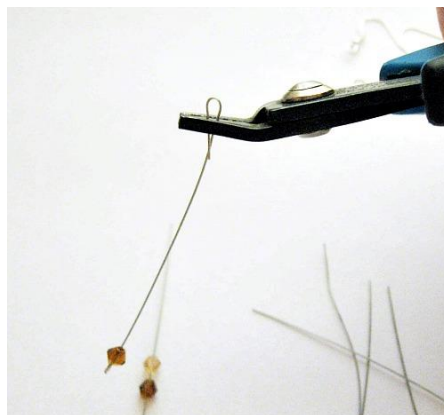
1.) Cut 9 pieces of flex wire, ranging from 1-2 inches. You could cut them longer or shorter depending on your desired length.



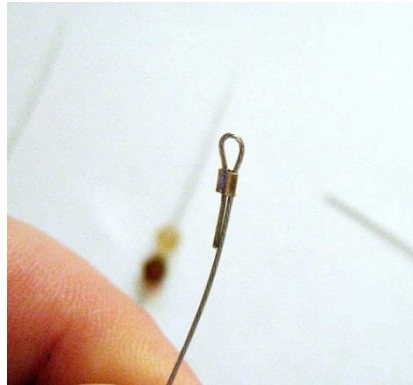
2.) Once you're done cutting all of your flex wires, you're going to take your crimper, and crimp the tip of your wire. Only crimp one end, this crimp acts as a stopper bead, to hold on your crystals.



3.) String on your crystals, in a 1, 2, 3 pattern. You will end up with 3 of each pattern.



4.) Take a crimp bead, loop it through to make a loop and crimp your wire. Make sure your crimp bead is secured tight. Trim the excess wire.



5.) Put all of your crystal flex wires on your jump ring, alternating the lengths of your wires. Close your jump ring. Make sure it's secure, you don't want your wires falling out.



6.) Add your French ear wires.

## Enchanting Blue-Eyed Drop Earrings

By: [Gloria from Domestic Diva](#)

Be prepared to be mesmerized by the shimmering shell beads of these Enchanting Blue-Eyed Drop Earrings. Admirers won't be able to take their eyes off this stunning pair of drop earrings. Like many multi drop earrings, these homemade jewelry pieces dangle and swing, making them a must-have accessory for any knockout ensemble. Perfect with a matching DIY bracelet, or on their own, these blue-eyed wire earrings are both dazzling and mysterious. Hypnotize those around you with these gorgeous, easy-to-make earrings.



### Materials:

- 10mm Blue coin beads
- head pin wires
- 3 mm silver beads
- 18 Gauge jump rings
- 18 gauge wire
- 20 gauge half round half hard wire
- jewelry pliers & wire cutters
- Bead Gallery engraved frames



**Instructions:**

1.) To create the earring frame cut the 18 gauge wire to measure 2.5". Make a center loop by placing a thin round object in the center of the wire and bending the ends together. Push the sharp edge of flat nose pliers into the loop and bend both wires into 90 degrees.



2.) Use round nose plier to create a loop at the end of each wire. The loops should match in size.



3.) Smooth each side of the wire over a round object to create matching arches.



4.) Hold the half round wire against the loop on one side using flat nose pliers. Wrap the wire around the arch, working toward the center loop.



5.) Wrap the wire around the base of the center loop once.



6.) Continue wrapping to the loop on the other side. To complete the frame, trim the excess half round wire and smooth against the frame.



7.) Create the three drop components for each earring. Two outside drops will contain a head pin wire passed through a silver bead, the bottom of the engraved frame, a blue bead, the top of the engraved frame, and another silver bead. For the center drop component, add another engraved frame and blue bead, followed by a silver bead. After the silver bead on each component, bend the wire over a sharp edge to create a loop. Leave the loops open for the next step.



8.) Link the outside components to the ends of the frame. Close the loops.



9.) Close the loop in the center component and attach a jump ring to it. Put the open jump ring through the center loop of the frame then close it. Attach an earring wire to the loop.



## Even More Earring Ideas

### 3-Minute Red Bead Earrings

By: [Stephanie from Henry Happened](#)

Looking for a fast jewelry project to put the finishing touch on your outfit? Try these 3-Minute Red Bead Earrings to quickly complete your look. If you want to learn how to make beaded earrings but do not have much experience, this project is for you. These homemade beaded earrings are so easy, even a jewelry making novice can make them. So if you are new to jewelry making or your attention span is not into a project with multiple steps, try these DIY beaded earrings.



#### Materials:

- A strand of pretty beads
- 2 headpins
- 2 earring wires
- Jewelry pliers



### Instructions:

1.) Stack the beads on the headpin. Go pretty much all the way to the top, leaving just a bit of room on the pin at the end.



2.) Take your pliers and make a loop out of the end piece of the headpin. Don't close it all the way – you want to slip on the earring hook first.



3.) Finish closing the loop after the earring wire is attached. Repeat to make a matching earring.



## Sunbeam Earrings

By: [Erin from Erin Siegel Jewelry](#)

Learn how to make unusual bead earrings that light up your DIY jewelry collection and make the Sunbeam Earrings. These beautifully crafted earrings lend some flair to the hoop earring style. With these DIY earrings, you can easily imagine yourself on the edge of a canyon or desert. The stylish trimming is surprisingly easy to fashion, and the knotting lends the piece an organic, homey touch. This tutorial shows you how to make bead earrings in a brand-new way.



### Materials:

- 28 glass 4mm rounds
- 2 glass 6mm rounds
- 2 hammered brass 33mm metal rings
- 2 brass ear wires
- 2 brass head pins
- 56" of walnut 4ply Irish-waxed linen cord
- Round nose pliers
- Chain nose pliers
- Scissors
- Ruler

### Instructions:

1.) Convert the headpins into eyepins by trimming off the heads and creating a loop at one end as shown.



2.) String one 6mm glass round; form a simple loop. Set aside. Cut the cord in half and set one aside.

3.) Make a 3" fold at one end of the cord. Form a larks head knot around the brass ring as shown.



4.) Use the short end of cord to form an overhand knot against the previous larks head knot. Trim ends to 1/8". Using the long end of cord, form a half-hitch knot around the ring.

5.) String a 4mm bead and form 3 half-hitch knots. Repeat until entire ring is covered. Form an overhand knot against the last half-hitch knot. Trim ends to 1/8".



6.) Attach the bead link made in step one to the brass ring between the first and final knots. Attach an ear wire to the bead link. Repeat steps 1-4 to complete the second earring.

## Quick Coral Drop Earrings

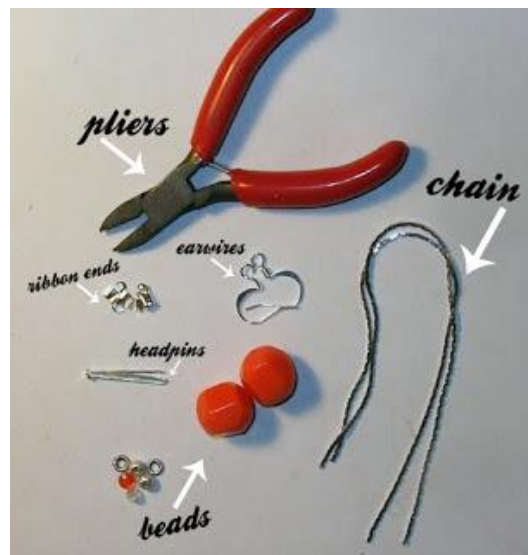
By: [Allison from The Quiet Lion](#)

These Quick Coral Drop Earrings couldn't be cuter, or easier to make! Learn how to make bead earrings in just five minutes using supplies you already have lying around with this simple tutorial. Just use any extra beads you have leftover and attach them to snake chain to keep the design sleek and sophisticated. These easy earrings are super chic yet still add a flirty punch of color, keeping the look light and fun.



### Materials:

- Pliers
- 4 ribbon ends
- Earwires
- Two headpins
- Beads
- Box or snake chain



**Instructions:**

1.) Cut two equal lengths of your chain. Attach ribbon ends to each end, using superglue on the inside of the ribbon ends for extra hold. Attach ear wire to each chain.



2.) Arrange beads on your headpin, make a loop, and insert it into the other end of your chain. Repeat for second earring.



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