

“Ear Cuffs Galore”

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Tools: flat-nose pliers, round-nose pliers, cutters

“Open Hearted” Ear Cuff

Created by: Mollie Valente

Suggested Materials:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stock#</u>	<u>Name</u>
1	30-452-1	3mm plain ear cuff, white
1	37-113-1	4mm round jump ring, white
1	44-473-1	9x11mm floating heart charm, white



“Crystal Key” Ear Cuff

Created by: Misha Lengling

1	30-455	3mm plain ear cuff, sterling silver
5	37-295-240	4mm round jump rings, sterling silver
1	37-295-260	6mm round jump ring, sterling silver
0.5”	40-596	Fine rope chain, sterling silver
2	37-507	1” head pins, sterling silver
1	49-759	Key charm, sterling silver
1	44-513	Heart charm, sterling silver
2	05-000-04-170	4mm faceted round Swarovski® crystal beads, crystal/moonlight
1	24-980-33	3mm bamboo-shaped SmartBead, sterling silver



“My Little Sea Pony” Ear Cuff

Created by: Mollie Valente

1	30-462-4	6mm plain ear cuff, gold plate
1	37-113-2	4mm round jump ring, yellow
1”	40-099-17-4	2.9mm figure-8 footage chain, gold plate
1	44-436-0	15x7mm seahorse charm, brass
2	06-007-07-17	7mm Swarovski crystal small briolette pendants, light rose



“Flower and Star” Ear Cuffs

Created by: Josie Arndt

Suggested Materials:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stock#</u>	<u>Name</u>
Flower cuff		
1	30-462-3	6mm plain ear cuff, silver plate
1	37-113-3	4mm round jump rings, silver plate
4”	40-099-11-3	2.1mm diamond-cut bulk chain, silver plate
2	27-525-3	5mm metallized plastic rose spacer beads, silver plate
2	37-415-3	1.5" thin head pins, silver plate
4	23-224-293	4mm round glass beads, light amethyst/aurora borealis

Star cuff

1	30-452-3	3mm plain ear cuff, silver plate
1	37-113-3	4mm round jump ring, silver plate
1”	40-099-17-3	2.9mm flat with figure eight footage chain, silver plate
1	27-505-3	5mm metallized plastic star spacer bead, silver plate
1	37-415-3	1.5" thin head pin, silver plate
6	20-228-022	Size 11/0 Toho® seed beads, black diamond



Designer's Tip:

Only jump rings and head pins 21gauge or thinner can fit into the 40-099-11 diamond-cut chain.

To make these designs:

1. Use flat-nose pliers to attach jump rings to charms, ear cuffs and chain. See jump ring tip below.

To make nice wire-wrapped beaded head and eye pins:

(For best results, use both chain-nose and round-nose pliers.)

1. Use chain-nose pliers to grasp the wire just above the top of the bead.
2. Use your fingers to bend the wire sharply over the top of the pliers, at a 90° angle. You should have 2-3mm of straight wire between the bead and the bend (less for fine-gauge wire, more for heavy wire or more wraps).
3. Use round-nose pliers to grasp a spot just above the bend, and use your fingers to smoothly bend the wire all the way around the tip of the pliers. (For different sizes of loops, bend the wire around thinner or thicker portions of the pliers' tip.)
4. Now use pliers to grasp the wire firmly across the loop. Use your fingers or chain-nose pliers to carefully wrap the wire around the stem. For best control, experts recommend you break this step into a series of half wraps.
5. Trim excess with flush cutters.



Jump-Ring Hint:

When opening and closing jump rings, twist sideways instead of “ovalling” them. This keeps their shape better, which makes them easier to close all the way (as shown on the left). To prevent marks on the ring, use non-serrated flat-nose pliers.

