

"Ice Capades" Earrings

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Suggested Materials:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stock #</u>	<u>Name</u>
4	06-000-11-10	1mm Swarovski® crystal tip-drilled teardrop pendants, aquamarine
4	27-690-01-AS	6x8mm TierraCast™ small bell-flower cone ends, antiqued silver
1½"	40-099-13-3	2.1mm cable chain, silver plate
8"	46-704-14	24-gauge ColourCraft® wire, silver
2	34-323-3	French hook ear wires, silver plate



Tools: cutters, round-nose pliers

To make this design:

1. Cut two ¾" pieces of chain.
2. Cut four 2" pieces of 24-gauge wire.
3. Slide a top-drilled crystal roughly ¼ way on a piece of wire.
4. Bend both ends of wire up the sides of the crystal and then across each other at the top of the bead.
5. Make a wrapped loop with the shorter piece of wire, wrapping around the other longer vertical piece of wire.
6. Add a bead cap to the vertical piece of wire and make a second wrapped loop with this wire, adding a piece of chain before finishing the wrapped loop.
7. Repeat steps 3-6 three more times, adding the remaining piece of chain, and attaching the last two dangles to the other end of each chain.
8. Attach these chain and crystal dangles to the earwires.

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.

