

"Stringing in the Rain" Earrings

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Suggested Materials:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stock</u>	<u>Name</u>
2ft.	#40-582-06	0.6mm beading chain, sterling silver
2	#41-520-04	2-leaf prong bails, sterling silver
2	#41-520-30	Tiny leaf prong bails, sterling silver
28	#41-556-2030	2mm crimp tubes, sterling silver
4	#43-544-10	Scalloped briolette caps, sterling silver
6	#37-290-135	3.5mm round jump rings, Argentium® sterling silver
6	#41-551-12	1.2mm center-crimp tubes with loop, sterling silver
2	#41-551-97-13-3	Three-strand center-crimp tube with loop, sterling silver
1pr.	#34-560-14	14mm straight leg French hook ear wires, sterling silver
4	#05-744-06-00	6mm Swarovski® crystal flower beads, assorted
4	#05-301-03-178	3mm Swarovski crystal bicone beads, light gray opal
4	#06-010-11-177	11mm Swarovski crystal briolette pendants, palace green opal
2	#06-301-06-177	6mm Swarovski crystal bicone drop pendants, palace green opal
2	#06-301-08-178	8mm Swarovski crystal bicone drop pendants, light gray opal
12 beads	#05-301-04-910	4mm Swarovski Crystal Jams™ assortment, "cry baby"

Optional: #41-556-1110 1mm crimp tubes

TIP: If you use the smaller crimp tubes you can just mash them flat, saving the time spent trying to round the 2mm crimps.

Tools needed: crimping pliers, cutters, split-ring pliers, flat-nosed pliers

To make this design:

1. Using your cutters, cut 6 lengths of chain in the following lengths: cut 2 strips at 2" (48mm), 2 strips at 2.75" (68mm), and 2 strips at 3" (75mm).
2. Attach briolettes to briolette caps by aligning prongs with the hole and pinching closed until secure, using non-serrated flat-nose pliers. Attach the 6mm bicone drops to the tiny leaf prong bails and the 8mm bicone drops to the 2-leaf prong bails using the same method.
3. Slide one 4mm bicone onto the straight leg of each ear wire. Gently grip below the crystal and form a loop with the straight leg of each ear wire, keeping each loop open slightly to the side. Attach the top loop of a 3-strand center-crimp tube onto the open loop of each ear wire, then close the loops you formed on the ear wires.



4. Insert a 2" length of chain about 2mm into an outer tube of a center-crimp "connector" and secure by crimping the center section of the tube. Then, take a 3" length of chain and secure it in the other outer tube of the center-crimp connector, using the same method. Crimp the 2.75" length of chain into the middle tube. (To avoid kinking, crimp this chain last.) For the middle tube, pull the chain all the way through the tube, to the loop, before crimping. Repeat for the second earring.
5. On the long (3") chain, space out 10mm (3/8") from the edge of the center-crimp tube and secure a 2mm crimp tube using crimping pliers. Add a 4mm bicone and another 2mm crimp. Secure. Repeat with remaining 2 crystals, leaving 10mm (3/8") of chain at the end. Repeat for the second earring.
6. For the middle chain, space out 5mm (1/4") from the center-crimp "connector" and secure a 2mm crimp. Add a flower bead and another 2mm crimp. Secure. Repeat twice, for a total of 3 "floating" flower beads. Repeat for the second earring.
7. On the shortest chain, space out 25mm (1") from the center-crimp "connector" and secure a 2mm crimp. Add a 3mm bicone, 4mm bicone, 3mm bicone and a 2mm crimp. Secure. Repeat for the second earring.
8. Use crimping pliers to attach a 1.2mm center-crimp tube with loop onto each open chain end. Use a jump ring to attach a dangling briolette to each of the 4 outer chains. Then, use a jump ring to attach each 8mm bicone drop to the end of each middle chain. Finally, use 2 more jump rings to add the 6mm bicone drops to the top loops of the 3-strand center-crimp "connectors."