

# "Climbing Ivy" Earrings

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## Suggested Materials:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stock #</u>	<u>Name</u>
4	37-295-260	6mm round jump rings, sterling silver
4	37-295-240	4mm round jump rings, sterling silver
5"	40-592	1.4mm fine cable footage chain, sterling silver
1 pair	34-542-12	Textured marquise French hook ear wires
6		Artisan-made Art Clay™ Silver (ACS) ivy-shaped charms *



**Tools:** Ivy leaf embossing cutter set (#85-355-02), toothpick, cutters, chain-nose pliers

## To make this design:

1. Create 6 ivy-shaped ACS charms (2 medium, 4 small) using the leaf embossing cutter set.
2. Use a toothpick to pierce holes in the leaves while the ACS before firing.
3. Cut four pieces of chain: two 1½" pieces and two 1" pieces.
4. Use jump rings to attach the charms to the chain and ear wires as pictured.

\* **NOTE:** The designer created the ivy leaf charms with Art Clay Silver 650 Slow Dry (#87-007-20).

## Jump-ring hint:

When you open and close jump rings, twist sideways instead of "ovalling" them. This keeps their shape better, which makes them easier to close all the way.



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