

"Hula Hoop" Earrings

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Suggested Materials:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stock</u>	<u>Name</u>
1pr.	#31-534	4mm ball posts with loop, sterling silver
2	#42-553-97-3	14mm round 3-loop connectors, sterling silver
2	#05-301-05-02	5mm Swarovski® bicones, crystal/aurora borealis
2	#05-818-08-211	8mm Swarovski half-drilled crystal pearls, black
2	#37-295-130	3mm jump rings, sterling silver
4	#37-515	1.5" thin head pins, sterling silver
2	#43-545-02	Four-leaf style bead caps, sterling silver
2	#33-514	Butterfly nuts, sterling silver



Tools needed: Wire cutters, round-nose pliers and adhesives, such as BeadFix™ adhesive (#60-242) or R&T 2-part epoxy (#60-210)

To make this design:

1. Cut the heads off two of the head pins using wire cutters. Glue the head pins in the half-drilled pearls and set aside to dry.

TIP: Half-drilled beads will hold securely with superglue, but for a more lasting hold, a two-part epoxy with a set time of 24 hours or more is recommended.

2. Attach the top loop of the connector to the post using a jump ring.
3. Place a crystal bicone on a head pin. Make a loop using round-nose pliers and attach it to the inside loop on the connector.
4. Place a bead cap on the pin you glued in a half-drilled pearl in step 1. Using your fingers, gently shape the bead cap to the pearl. Using round-nose pliers, make a loop out of the pin.
5. Attach the pearl to the bottom loop on the connector.
6. Repeat steps 2-5 for the second earring.