

“Protection” Earrings

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Suggested Materials:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stock #</u>	<u>Name</u>
2	21-908-020	8x5mm faceted gemstone rondelles, lapis lazuli
4	21-882-202	2mm round gemstone beads, block turquoise
2	29-721	Eye of Horus charms, baltic birch
6"	46-706-20	26-gauge ColourCraft® wire, gold
2	34-112-2	Kidney ear wires, yellow



Tools: cutters, round-nose pliers

To make this design:

1. Cut two 6" pieces of 26-gauge wire.
2. Make a loop (u-bend) about 1" from the end of the wire and add the wood charm.
3. Make a wrapped loop with the remaining short piece of wire.
4. Add beads, as pictured and make another wrapped loop at the top, and cut excess wire.
5. Open the kidney wire, and add the wood charm dangle and a 2mm round bead.
6. After attaching the dangle, use round-nose pliers to crimp the loop closed. This keeps the dangle in place.
7. Repeat steps 1-5 for the second earring.

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.



TIP: After attaching the dangle to the kidney wire, use round-nose pliers to crimp the loop closed, to keep the dangle in place.

TIP: To make the design stand out, the high points on the wood charms were darkened with a brown color marker.

The Eye of Horus was used in ancient Egyptian jewelry to provide protection, wisdom and prosperity, especially when made of gold, silver, lapis, wood, porcelain or carnelian.