

"All Buttoned Up" Earrings

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Suggested Materials:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Stock #</u>	<u>Name</u>
2	03-017-14-133	14mm Swarovski® crystal square buttons, padparadscha
6	05-301-06-133	6mm Swarovski crystal bicones, padparadscha
4	05-301-06-137	6mm Swarovski crystal bicones, light olivine †
4	05-301-04-137	4mm Swarovski crystal bicones, light olivine †
12	20-228-224	Size 11 Toho® Japanese glass seed beads, bronze
6	37-612	2" thin head pins, gold fill
2	34-663-20	TierraCast™ French hook ear wires, gold fill
12"	47-046	22-gauge wire, gold plate



Tools: cutters, round-nose pliers, flat-nose pliers

To make this design:

1. Cut four 3" pieces of 22-gauge wire.
2. Center 1 piece of wire through 1 hole of a crystal button.
3. Bend both ends of wire up the face of the button and then across the top.
4. Hold one end with pliers and bend the other wire around several times with fingers. Trim excess.
5. Use the other end of the wire to make a wrapped loop, adding the ear wire before finishing. Trim excess.
6. Repeat step 2-5 with the other button.
7. Add the crystals and seed beads to the head pins as pictured, and make wrapped loops.
8. With the remaining 2 pieces of wire, attach dangles to the bottoms of the buttons using the same technique used in steps 2-5.

NOTE: † Light olivine crystal color is not always available. To find another crystal in this same shape, visit our website at www.rings-things.com and type **05-301** in the search box. Or, call us and our friendly sales staff will help you find another option.

Techniques for Making Earrings

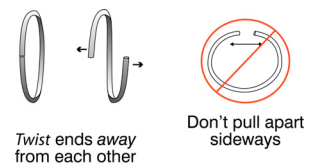
Basic earrings: Gently open the loop on the earring component, (see jump ring hint) and insert the earring dangle loop. Close the loop.

Chandelier earrings: Attach charm or connector to earring component (see jump ring hint). Attach dangles by attaching beaded head and eye pins to charm or connector before closing the loop on the dangle.

Ear threads: Ear-thread designs can be changed every day. Just slide beads on and wear. The next day re-arrange yesterday's beads or slide on a whole new design! To keep beads in place use SmartBeads or Bead Bumpers™.

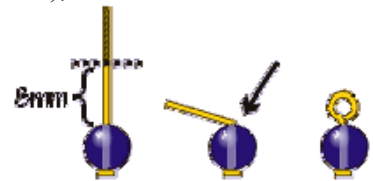
Jump-ring hint:

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.



To make nice loops on head or eye pins:

1. String selected beads on the head or eye pin.
2. Keep about 8mm (1/3") of wire. Cut off any extra.
3. Use round-nose pliers to grasp the wire just above the bead (at the arrow), and bend sharply away from you.
4. Now use small round-nose pliers to grasp the tip of the wire, and bend it smoothly around the pliers down close to the beads.



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 round-nose 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.

