

Making your own earrings can be fun and rewarding whether you make them to wear yourself, to give as a gift or to sell. There are a variety of earring findings available to make simple, quick and trendy earrings!

FRENCH HOOK EAR WIRES



To use a French hook, simply open the loop, attach the components then close the loop. Open the loop as you would open a jump ring: *twist* the ends away from each other, don't "oval" them. If the loop on the earwire is soldered closed, use an extra jump ring or a simple loop on the dangle.



New Leaf Earrings
by Mollie Valente

- Twist the loop on the French hook 90 degrees, so the loop is perpendicular to the hook.
- Use a jump ring to connect the button to the French hook.
- Use a jump ring to connect the leaf charm to the button.

LEVER-BACK FRENCH CLIPS



The loop on most Lever-Back French clips can be opened like French hooks.



Capped Sea Jellies Earrings
By Amy Mickelson

- Use round-nose pliers to carefully uncurl and slightly straighten the loop on the tassels.
- Slide the C-Koop flower bead caps over the straightened loops and reform the simple loops.
- Attach a French clip to each loop.



KIDNEY WIRES



Kidney ear wires (a.k.a. safety ear wires) hook completely shut which allows you to make extra-secure earrings that won't fall out of the wearer's ears



Woodland Leaf Earrings
by Amy Mickelson

- String teardrop pendant and leaf charm on a jump ring and close the jump ring.
- Use a second jump ring to attach the leaf and pendant to the kidney wire.
- Use round-nose pliers to crimp the loop closed.



Shining Stars Lashed Earrings
by Mollie Valente

- Choose two matching rivoli stones from the assortment. This design uses two 14mm Light Colorado Topaz rivolis.
- Insert a rivoli stone in a setting and use round-nose pliers to pinch the setting closed.
- Straighten the bend in the ear wire tail.
- Cut a 4" section of 26-gauge wire and make three tight coils on the kidney wire near the loop. Use semi-flush side cutters to cut the beginning wire section off flush with the kidney wire.
- Add a crystal bicone bead to the kidney wire. Pull the wire across the bead and add three more tight coils.
- Repeat with two more bicone beads; add a final three coils and cutting the tail off flush with the kidney wire.
- Add the rivoli setting to the kidney wire and use round-nose pliers to crimp the loop closed.
- Repeat to make the second earring.

EARRING POSTS



Some earring posts have a flat pad for gluing on focals, but there are also many options for attaching components with loops. Earring posts require a nut or clutch (sold separately) to keep the earring in the ear.

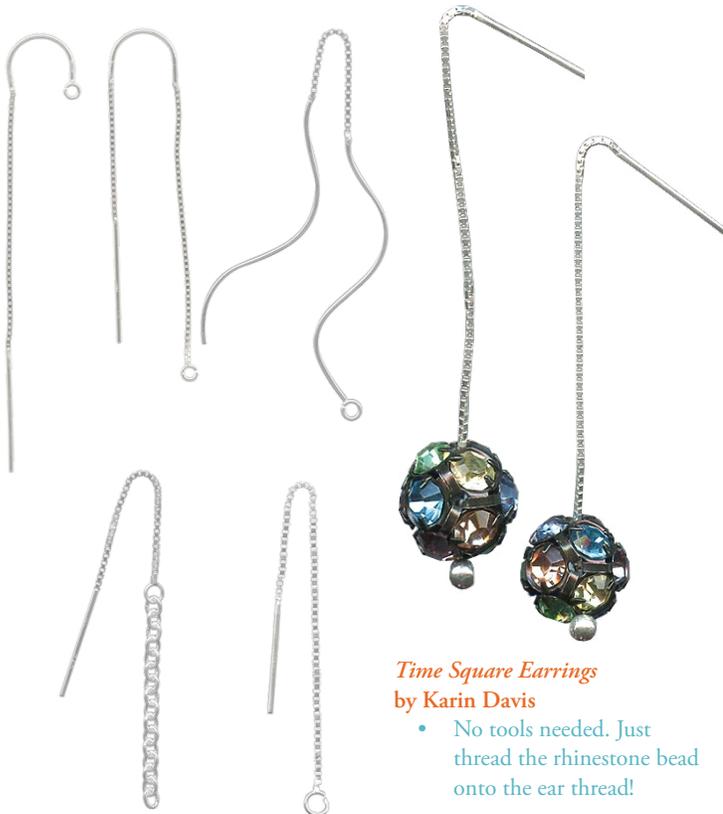


Fleur d' Leaf Earrings
by Rita Hutchinson

- Attach the crystal pendant to the inside loop on the teardrop with a jump ring.
- Make a wire connector by adding a bead to an eye pin and turning a loop on the other side. Attach one loop to the top of the teardrop.
- Attach the other loop to the earring post.

EAR THREADS

Also called threader earrings, ear threads are easy to use and elegant to wear. Simply string on beads and you're done. You can use SmartBeads or Bead Bumpers™ as nuts (clutches) to hold the ear chains in place. Many styles come with loops so you can add dangles to the bottom.



Time Square Earrings
by Karin Davis

- No tools needed. Just thread the rhinestone bead onto the ear thread!

EARRING HOOPS

Hoop earrings can be worn alone, or they can be embellished.



Manipulating Hoops

One end has a flattened area with a drilled hole. After adding beads, bend the round end up at a 90° angle and click it into the drilled hole.



Leverback Hoops

Ready to wear. Lever flips open to add beads and insert post into ear piercing. Flip the lever back to secure on earlobe.



Crimp Hoops

String beads onto the wire, pop wire into the top channel, crimp to secure and hang from an ear wire or post.



Endless Hoops

Ready to wear. Can also be embellished with large-hole beads. To open and close, twist wire gently sideways; slip wire into/out of tube.



Sleeper Hoops

Ready to wear. Can also be embellished with beads. To open and close, twist hoop gently sideways; slip wire into/out of coil.



CLIP-ON AND SCREW BACK EARRINGS

Flat-pad clip-on earring backs and earring magnets are both perfect for glue-on designs, including collage and found-object creations. Clip-on earring backs with loops are perfect for dangling designs and for converting ear-wire designs to be non-pierced. Screw-back clips offer extra security and adjustable comfort for the wearer.



Jade Spiral Clip-on Earrings
by Polly Nobbs-LaRue

- Make a wire connector with an eye pin and beads.
- Attach one loop to the heart charm.
- Attach the other loop to the earring loop.