

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.

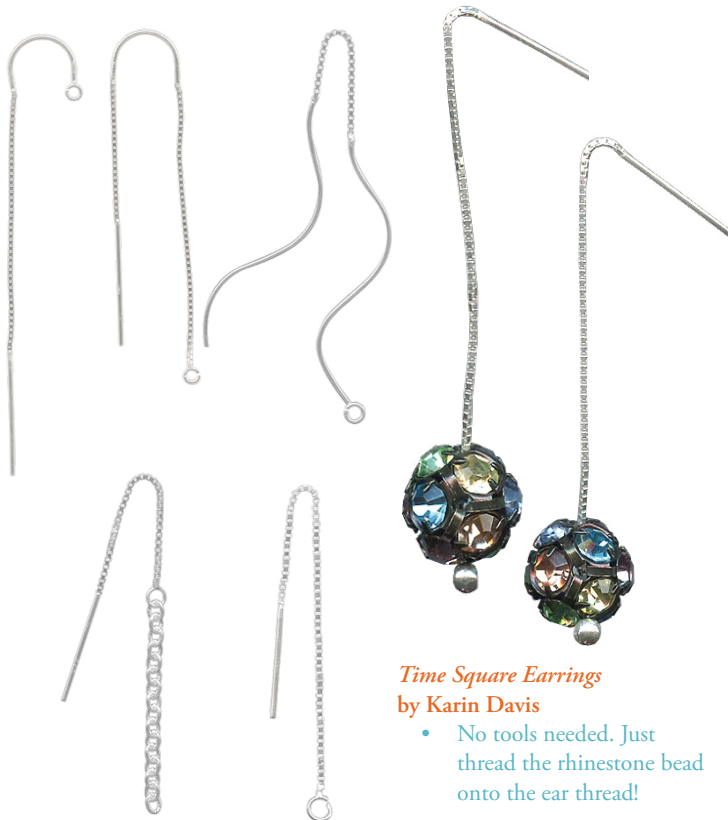


*Fleur d' Leaf Earrings*  
by Rita Hutchinson

- 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!

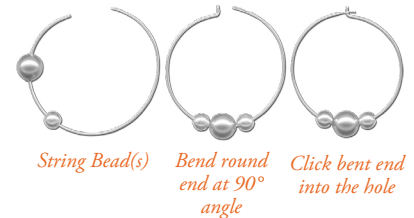
## EARRING HOOPS

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



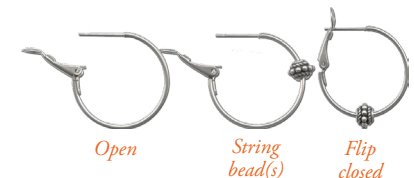
### Manipulating Hoops

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.