April 2011 Project Of The Month
Linked Earrings

Ingredients

- 2 x main feature bead for bottom drop
- 2 x spacers, 2 x accent beads if desired
- 2 x headpins or 5cm peices of 22g coloured wire
- 12 x 5mm jumprings
- 8 x 4mm jumprings
- 1 pair of earring hooks

VARIATIONS:

For a contrasting effect, make your jumprings different colours. The headpin/wire should match the colour of the smaller jumpring.

For a subtle effect, the jumprings can be the same colour.

Use larger or smaller jumprings than the ones suggested for different effect.
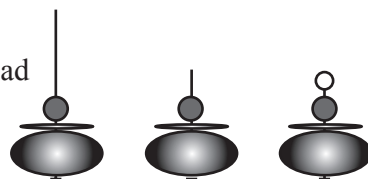
Equipment Required

- Chain Nose Pliers
- Round Nose Pliers
- Wire Cutters
- A bead mat to work on

Technique: **How to open and close a jumpring**

- Face the gap to the sky, hold tight at 9 o'clock with chain nose pliers and 3 o'clock with round nose pliers or a second pair of chain nose pliers.
- Turn right wrist straight toward yourself to open the jumpring wide enough to slip bead sets into .
- Hook in the loop of the charm/bead dangle or the previous jumpring/s.
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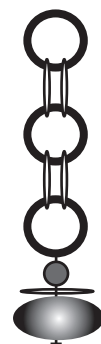
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Recipe

1. Take your main feature bead and slide onto a headpin. Add a spacer and accent bead on top if desired.

2. Cut the headpin 1cm above the last bead and use your round nose pliers to turn a loop. Make sure the loop is fully closed. Repeat for the second feature bead.

NOTE: You can also use a short peice of wire. First make a small loop or spiral at the bottom of the wire using your round nose pliers and then follow steps 1 and 2 above.

3. Open a large jumpring, hook it into the top loop of your bead set and close it tightly.

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9. Take one of your earring hooks. Open the loop part way with your round nose pliers and hook it through the two small jumprings from step 8. Use the tips of your round nose pliers to close the loop tightly.

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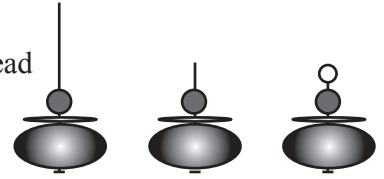
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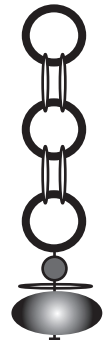
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