

THE BEAD HOLD

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FREE PROJECT! Spiral Earrings from the Tsarina



MATERIALS NEEDED

- 2 x 10cm pieces of 18 gauge Artistic Wire
- approx 25 cm of fine chain
- A pair of earring hooks
- 4 x headpins
- 2 x 4mm jumprings
- 2 x 6mm beads/crystals

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Chain Nose pliers
- Round Nose pliers
- Wire Cutters
- Scissors
- A bead mat to work on
- a smooth pencil or similar round object e.g a fat knitting needle (this is a 'mandrel.')

Instructions

1. Take each piece of wire and make sure they are cut as flush as possible at each end. Take 1 piece and wind around your mandrel on a angle so a spiral is formed. Repeat with the second piece. You can adjust the length of each spiral piece by pulling at each end with your fingers. Make a lollipop loop at one end of each piece.
2. Open up the loop on each earwire and hook through the loop of one spiral. Close the loop.
3. Hold the spiral up by the hook and hold the chain to it. Decide on how long you want the chain drops to be and cut the chain to length.
4. Open a jumpring and hook the chain dangles on and then go through the spiral loop. Close the jumpring tight. Make sure the chain is dropping through the centre of the spiral.
5. Thread each feature bead onto the headpin and make a lollipop loop on top of each bead. Open each loop a little and hook into the end of each chain piece. Close the loop tightly using the tips of your pliers.

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