

TierraCast

Bamboo Forest Earrings

Refreshing Cascades of Cords



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skill set
easy peasy



Supplies

- 2 Bamboo Button (94-6569-12)
 - 2 4x2mm ID Barrel Bead (94-5791-61)
 - 12 2x2mm Crimp Bead (01-0030-11)
 - 5 Kenyan Spacer (93-0405-27)
 - 4 Kenyan Spacer (93-0405-11)
 - 8 5mm Kenyan Spacer (93-0434-27)
 - 6 5mm Kenyan Spacer (93-0434-11)
 - 2 8mm Round Jump Ring (01-0026-01)
 - 2 Silver Filled Earwire (90-8170-01)
- Also used: 1mm cotton cord, 4mm wooden beads, 4mm rondelle bone beads

Required Tools

Scissors, 2 chain nose pliers.
Optional: super glue, beading awl

Finished Size

5 inches

Instructions

TIP: Change up the design by using just one color cord, or by varying the lengths of the cords.

1. Cut two 10" strands of each of three colors of cord.
2. Pick up one strand of each color cord and thread all three through the shank of one button. Position cords and button so cords are folded in half. (Hint: if threading becomes difficult because of fraying, try coating the cord ends very lightly with super glue.)
3. Thread one barrel bead over all the strands and push bead up to just beneath the button.
4. Use chain nose pliers to crimp, or squeeze, the barrel bead to hold all the strands securely.
5. Choose a grouping of 2–4 spacer and wood beads and string the group onto one cord, followed by a crimp bead.
6. Slide all beads to desired position on cord, then use chain nose pliers to squeeze crimp bead to secure them in place.
7. Repeat Step 6 for all six cords, varying the positions of the beads as desired.
8. Open one 8mm jump ring and attach it to the button shank above the cord strands. Before closing jump ring, slip on an ear wire, then close jump ring. (Hint: use beading awl to make space for jump ring if necessary.)
9. Repeat Steps 2–8 for second earring.

Watch our technique videos in the DIY section of our blog (look for videos on Opening and Closing Jump Rings, and Crimping with Barrel Beads). www.tierracast.com/blog/tag/diy

