TierraCast Christmas Ornament Earrings

This crafty earring idea used UV resin and glass glitter to make sparkly ornaments for your ears.



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2 Crystal Bicone 4mm Bead, Siam and/or Emerald

Glass Glitter, red and/or green UV Resin such as Magic-Glos



Chain and/or flat nose pliers (2), round nose pliers, wire cutters, packing tape, triangle bead scoop, toothpick, cotton swab, uv lamp

Finished Size

Approx. 2 inches

Supplies

- 2 Stitch-around 18mm Hoop (94-2563-70 or -25)
- 2 Bow Bead (94-5610-12 or -26)
- 2 Eye Pins 2" 21ga (01-0027-01 or -09)
- 2 Ear Wire Silver Filled 2mm SF Bead (90-8120-10) or

Instructions

TIP: Glass glitter is tiny little shards of glass! Handle with care.

- Onto one eye pin string one bow bead and one crystal bead. At top of crystal bead bend wire over at right angle. (Protect top of bead with thumbnail to avoid cracking.) Trim wire to 3/8" and use round nose pliers to form simple loop. Use two pair of pliers to position loops perpendicular to each other. Repeat to form second link. Set aside.
- Make two: Tear off a small piece of packing tape and place hoop onto the sticky side. Press tape down on back to ensure a good seal. (Fig 1)
- 3. Pour an approximately 1/4" bead of uv resin into the hoop. (Fig 2)
- Use toothpick to spread the resin around the bottom of the hoop.
 (Fig 3)







- 5. Use bead scoop to begin adding glitter to resin. (Fig 4)
- 6. Continue adding glitter until the bottom of the hoop is filled. Allow time for the glitter to settle into the resin, then add more glitter and/ or resin in small amounts until desired result is achieved. (Fig 5) Use toothpick to move glitter around if needed. Use cotton swab to wipe excess resin and/or glitter from around edge of hoop.









 Slide a plastic card or business card underneath piece and place into uv lamp. Allow to cure 20–30 minutes.



- Remove piece from lamp and carefully begin to peel tape from back. If still tacky/damp underneath place back into lamp upside down for 5–10 more minutes until fully cured.
- Open bottom loop of one bow bead link and attach to loop of one glitter charm. Close loop.
- Open loop of one ear wire and attach at top of link. Close loop.
- 11. Repeat Steps 9–10 for second earring.

Watch the technique videos in the DIY section of our blog (look for videos on jump rings and simple loops).
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