

TierraCast Comet's Tail Earrings

Ethereal chandelier earrings that sparkle with movement. Adjust chain lengths for longer or shorter versions.



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skill set
not too hard



Supplies

- 2 French Hook Ear Wire, Sm Loop, Silver Filled (90-8110-01)
- 2 Starburst Button (94-6845-12)
- 2 Moon Phases Set (94-2572-11)
- 10 Crystal Brilliance Link (94-6844-02)
- 8 Disk 3mm Spacer Bead (93-0439-11)

- 2 Round Jump Ring 18ga, 8mm ID (01-0026-01)
- 2 Round Jump Ring 19ga, 5.5mm ID (01-0025-01)
- 7.5" Brass Cable Chain 1.25mm (20-1625-12)
- 22ga German Style Craft Wire, silver
- Size 15 Hex Cut Seed Beads, blue (Silver-Lined Cobalt shown)

Required Tools

Flush cutters, round nose pliers, chain and/or flat or bent nose pliers (2)

Finished Size

Approx. 3 1/2 inches

Instructions

TIP: German style wire is a medium temper (half hard) wire, so it holds its shape better than soft craft wire. That means these earrings can be assembled with simple loops instead of wrapped loops!

1. Cut 30 pieces of wire 5/8" long. Set aside.
2. Cut four 1/2" (13 links) pieces of chain, four 3/4" (17 links) pieces, and two 1" (21 links) pieces. Set aside.
3. Pick up one piece of wire and bend at right angle 1/4" from one end. Use round nose pliers to form a small simple loop. String on one seed bead, then bend wire at top of seed bead (protect bead with thumbnail). Form second simple loop. Use chain nose pliers (2) to position loops perpendicular to each other. Set aside.
4. Repeat Step 3 29 times.
5. Open one loop of one bead link and attach one 1/2" piece of chain. Close loop, then attach a second link at other end of chain. On other side of second link attach one crystal link. At other end of crystal link attach third bead link. At other end of bead link attach one crescent moon charm. Repeat.
6. Repeat Step 5 three more times, attaching half moon charms with 3/4" chain and full moon charm with 1" piece of chain.
7. Open one 8mm ID jump ring. String on one crescent moon dangle (leading with concave side of moon), one spacer, one half moon dangle (leading with flat side of moon), one spacer, full moon dangle, one spacer, half moon dangle (leading with convex side), one spacer, and crescent moon dangle (leading with convex side). Before closing jump ring attach to shank of one button. Close jump ring. (Note: if a moon charm ends up facing the wrong way, simply open loop on last bead link and flip charm around.)
8. Open one 5.5mm ID jump ring and attach to button shank. Before closing add loop of one ear wire. Close jump ring.
9. Repeat Steps 5–8 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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