

Soft Flex Earrings

By Emily Miller

Emily cannot put down the seed beads! Working with 15/0s and Miyuki Drops, these light and swingy earrings are a fast, fun make! Create a pair to match every outfit...they are darn

near perfect!

Take advantage of the slight body of Soft Flex to create a nearly weightless double circle earring. The delicate 15/0 seed beads used in metallic colors mimic the look of metal without the hammering or bending of wire. Add in the gorgeous drops for accent colors, it's hard to make a mistake!



Quantities Needed For Project: 1 Pair Ear Wires

- 1 Spool Soft Flex .014
- A variety of Miyuki Drops
- 1 Tube 15/0 Miyuki Seed Beads
- 1 Pkg Crimp Tubes
- 1 Pkg Crimp Covers

Tools:

Xuron 4 in 1 Crimper Maxi Shear Flush Wire Cutter Chain Nose Pliers **Bead Stoppers**



Step 1

Cut 4 pieces of Soft Flex .014 approximately 8 inches long. Use a Bead Stopper or tape on one end to prevent beads from slipping off.

Step 2: Making the strand for the outer circle

String on five 15/0 beads. Next string a repeating pattern of one Miyuki Drop and three 15/0s. Emily's pattern uses two of the same Drops colors in a row. Pairing up colors adds a bit more punch with these tiny drops.

Step 3

Repeat the stringing pattern until you've got 24 Drops strung, and end with 5 more 15/0s. Add a Bead Stopper or tape on the end and set aside.

Step 4: Making the strand for the inner circle

String on three 15/0s to start, then repeat your alternating Drop-three 15/0s pattern until you've used 13 Drops. Emily alternates two colors of drop beads here.

Step 5

Remove the tape or Bead Stopper on one end of each strand and string on 2 crimp tubes. Note-sterling silver or gold filled crimp tubes and crimp covers are the best fit for more than 2 strands of Soft Flex.

Step 6

Remove the tape or Bead Stopper from the second end of the strands and string through BOTH of the crimp tubes.

Step 7

Gently pull up the slack of both sets of strands until the circles are formed.

Step 8

Push the crimp tubes apart slightly, about ½ inch. Using the Crimping Tool, securely crimp both crimps. Note- it may be easier to crimp both tubes to the first stage before moving on to the second folding step.

For more on using Crimp Tubes and Covers see our Skill Builder.

Step 9

One at a time, cover each crimp tube with a crimp cover, aligning the opening in the cover to the same side, (this will give the earrings a back and front) gently close the crimp cover with chain nose pliers.

Step 10

Using chain nose pliers, open the loop on the Ear Wire, by twisting the loop open to the side <u>as</u> <u>you would a Jump Ring</u>. Slip the small space between the covered crimp tubes into the Ear Wire and gently close the loop. Repeat for the second earring.

Emily curated two beautiful colorways for us, both can be found on our <u>Soft Flex Earrings Page!</u>

