

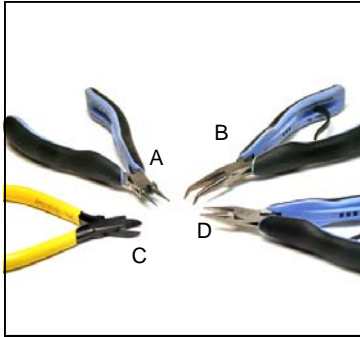
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Skill Level: Intermediate
Prerequisite: Beginner Briolettes

Paragraph Description: Get creative and take your earring making skills to the next level. Embellish components with beautiful gemstones or crystals by coiling wire and beads. Add chain and briolettes for additional dangles.



Ingredients for Intermediate Earrings

TOOLS NEEDED

- A. Round-nose pliers
- B. Bent-nose pliers
- C. Wire cutters
- D. Needle-nose pliers

STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

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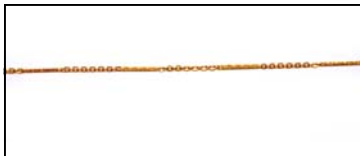
Approx. 40-50 3mm-4mm gemstones or crystals



A selection of briolette gemstones



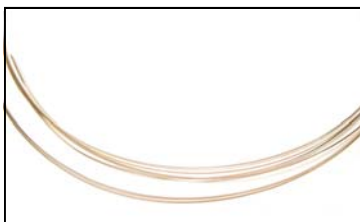
2 larger hoop components &
2 smaller hoop components



Approx. 16-20 inches of sterling silver or gold-filled chain



1 pair of earring wires



1 spool of 28 gauge sterling silver or gold-filled wire

Part 1: Preparing your Drops



Step 1

Cut one piece of chain to 1 1/2 inches. Wrap a briolette on one end of your chain. If using different sized briolettes, this should be the largest (center) bead.



Step 2

Cut 2 pieces of chain, 1 inch long. Wrap a briolette on the end of each chain.



Step 3

Cut 2 pieces of chain, 1/2 inch long. Wrap a briolette on the end of each.



Step 4

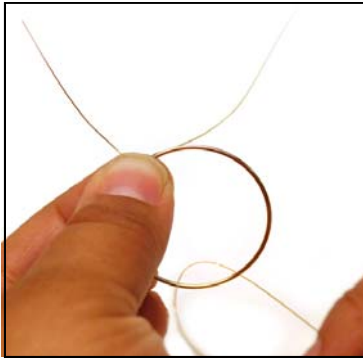
Arrange your drops so the longest is in the middle and the shortest is on either side. Put them off to the side.

Part 2: Getting Started



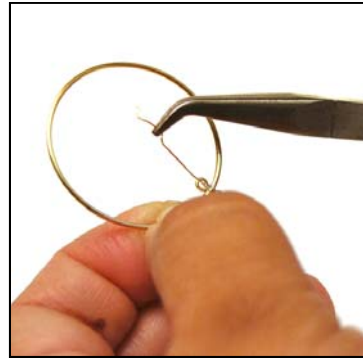
Step 5

Thread a piece of 24-inch long wire through the hoop of your large component and bend the wire upwards. You should have approx. 2 inches sticking up.



Step 6

Hold the short wire down against the hoop with your fingers and wrap the long end through the hoop.



Step 7

Using your bent-nose pliers, grab the short end of the wire and tightly wrap it around the hoop component once more.

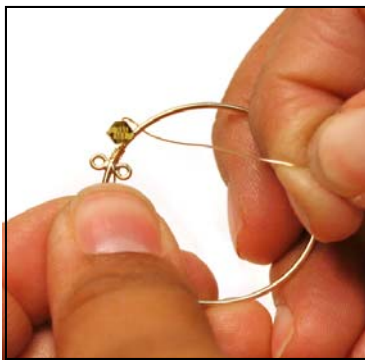


Step 8

You should have between 3-4 wraps around your component, creating a coil.



Step 9
String on one of your 3-4mm crystals or beads.



Step 10
Wrap the wire around the component two full times.



Step 11
Repeat steps 9 & 10 until you have gone about 1/3 of the way around your component.

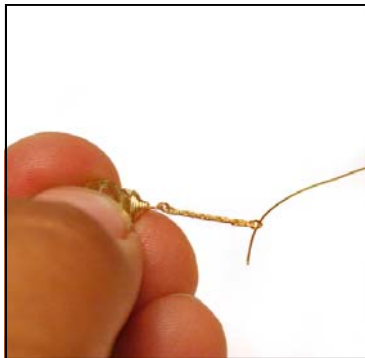


Step 12
Line up your center (longest) drop with the small hoops on the top of the component.

Part 3: Adding Dangles



Step 13
Line up the other dangles just like so. You should now be able to see where you are going to start threading your drops onto the wire.



Step 14
Thread one of your smallest dangles onto the wire.



Step 15
To secure the dangle in place, wrap the wire around the component.



Step 16
Repeat steps 14 & 15 with each of your dangles. To give each drop a bit of space, we added a bead in between each one.



The first part of your embellished component is complete!

Part 4: More Embellishing!



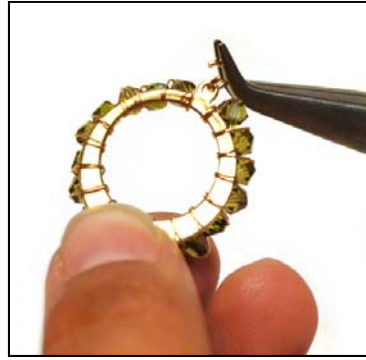
Step 17

Repeat steps 5-11 to wrap your smaller component. Instead of only going 1/3 of the way around your hoop, wrap the entire hoop with beads.



Step 18

Holding your bent-nose pliers in one hand and your needle-nose in the other, open a 4-5mm jump ring.



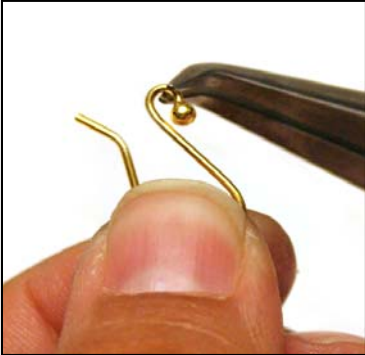
Step 19

Hold the jump ring with your bent-nose pliers and attach the loop on the smaller component.



Step 20

Attach the bottom loop of the bigger hoop to the same jump ring like so.



Step 21

Using your bent-nose pliers, gently open the loop on your earring wire.



Step 22

Slide the top loop of your large component onto the earring wire.



Congratulations!

You've completed your first embellished earring. Now follow steps 1-22 to finish the pair.

Design idea

Instead of attaching an earring wire to the component, slide on a jump ring. Now, you've created a fabulous pendant to wear on any chain!