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What you will need:

RED HEART® Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10: 1 ball 226 Natural

Susan Bates® Steelite® Crochet Hook: 1.65mm [US 7 steel hook]

Yarn needle, 6 bronze headpins, 2 bronze earwires, four 6mm brown and tan spectra glass beads, two 8mm brown and tan spectra glass beads, six 4mm lab topaz gem cut glass beads, wire cutter, needle nosed pliers

GAUGE: Gauge is not critical for this project.

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RED HEART® Classic Crochet Thread Size 10, Art. 144 available in white & natural 350 yd (320m), solids 300 yd (274m)

Dangling Star Earrings

Add dangling beads to these stunning crocheted earrings and give them extra appeal! Need a certain color for your outfit? Check out all the colors available in size 10 crochet thread.

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Earring measures 2½″ long x 1¼″ wide (6.5 x 3 cm), including earwire and large dangle.

Special Stitches
beg-pop (beginning popcorn) = Ch 2 (counts as dc), 3 dc in ring, drop loop from hook, insert hook from front to back in top of the beginning ch, place dropped loop back on hook and draw through.

popcorn = Work 4 dc in ring, drop loop from hook, insert hook from front to back in first dc of 4-dc group, place dropped loop back on hook and draw through.

Special Technique
Adjustable-ring method = Wrap yarn into a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Grip ring and tail firmly between middle finger and thumb. Insert hook through center of ring, yarn over (with working yarn) and draw up a loop. Work stitches of first round in the ring, working over both strands (the tail and the ring). After the first round of stitches is worked, pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

EARRING
Flower (make 2)
Make an adjustable ring.
Round 1 (right side): Beg-pop in ring, [ch 2, popcorn in ring] 5 times, ch 2; join with slip st in first popcorn—6 popcorns and 6 ch-2 spaces. Pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.
Round 2: Ch 1, *(hdc, dc, ch 3, slip st in 2nd ch from hook (point made), ch 1, dc, hdc) in next ch-2 space, slip st in next popcorn; repeat from * around ending with last slip st in beginning ch—6 points. Fasten off.

FINISHING
Weave in ends. Block and lightly starch as needed.
With pliers, open loop of each earwire, insert through any point on each flower, then close earwire.

Large Dangle (make 2)
Place an 8mm bead on a headpin, then place a 4mm bead on the headpin. Leaving ½″ (1.5 cm) above last bead, use wire cutter to cut off unused length of headpin. Insert headpin through point directly opposite earwire and pinch loop closed with pliers.

Small Dangle (make 4)
Make same as large dangle with 6mm beads in place of 8mm beads. Insert headpin through point on each side of large dangle and pinch loops closed with pliers.

ABBREVIATIONS
ch = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **( )** = work directions in parentheses into same st; **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.