

Desert Shores Earrings

Project E1027

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Beautiful round turquoise beads are delicately wrapped in silver plated wire in these summery earrings. A perfect accessory for your favorite resort look.

What You'll Need

Blue Turquoise Round Beads 10mm Stabilized /15 Inch Strand

SKU: SPTU-10

Project uses 2 pieces



Light Blue Chalk Turquoise Round Beads 8mm Stabilized /15.5 Inch Strand

SKU: SPTU-20

Project uses 2 pieces



Artistic Craft Wire Silver Plated Non Tarnish 18 Gauge - 4 Yard

SKU: WCR-1830

Project uses 1 piece



Artistic Craft Wire Silver Plate Non Tarnish 24 Gauge - 10 Yards

SKU: WCR-2430

Project uses 1 piece



Artistic Craft Wire Silver Plated Non Tarnish 20 Gauge 6 Yards

SKU: WCR-2030

Project uses 1 piece



Recommended Tools:

[XTL-5511] Beadsmith Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose, [XTL-0074] Eurotool Nylon Jaw Pliers Chain Nose- For Scratch-Free Wire Work, [XTL-5514] Beadsmith Jewelry Fine Round Nose Micro Pliers, [XTL-5600] Xuron Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - Wire/Soft Flex, [XTL-0032] Wubbers Bail Making Jewelry Pliers - Large 7mm & 9mm Size, [XTL-6092] Beadsmith Solid Steel Bench Block - Wire Hardening and Wire Wrapping Tool, [XTL-0254] Rubber Bench Block 4 x 4 Inches - Base for Steel Block, [XTL-2152] Beadsmith Jeweler's Chasing Hammer - 1 Inch Head - Metal Smithing, [XTL-0130] Eurotool Wire Rounder Tool Set - Includes Wood Top Pin Vise & Two Cup Burs, [XTL-0031] Wubbers Bail Making Jewelry Pliers - Medium 3mm & 5mm Size

Instructions

Remember to double these instructions to make your matched pair of earrings.

1. Before you begin, watch the video: How to Make Wire Wrapped Components for the Desert Shores Earrings. This video will show you how to make the two beaded components used in this project.



2. Make the two components as shown in the video using 24 and 18 gauge silver plated non tarnish craft wire, an 8mm green turquoise round bead, and a 10mm blue turquoise round bead.
3. Use a pair of medium Wubbers bail making pliers and some of the 18 gauge wire to create two jump rings using the 3mm side of the pliers as demonstrated in this video.
4. Then, use the 20 gauge wire, large bail making pliers, round nose pliers, a bench block, and a chasing hammer to create your own earring hook as demonstrated in this video. Hammer the front side of your earring hook flat if desired for decoration.
5. Use your jump rings to attach your earring components together at the swirls.
6. Open the loop on your earring hook and hang the earring by the top loop.