

Athena Earrings in Gold

Project E695

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Chandelier earrings are as popular as ever and the Athena Earrings represent this style beautifully. The multiple dangling chains swing fantastically when worn and the "pop" of SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS crystal bicones really brings the design together.



What You'll Need

SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS Crystal Beads, 5328 Bicone, 4mm, 24 Pieces, Caribbean Blue Opal



SKU: SWBI-1425
Project uses 14 pieces

Bali Style 1 Ball Gold Plated Earring Hooks (50)



SKU: FEA-4030
Project uses 1 pair

22K Gold Plated Ornate Triple Bead Strand Reducer Connector (x2)



SKU: FCO-1531
Project uses 2 pieces

Bright Gold Plated Teardrop Krinkle Chain 2mm Bulk By The Foot



SKU: CHA-98831
Project uses 16 inches

Brass Gold Tone Head Pins 22 Gauge 1.5 Inches (50 Head Pins)



SKU: FHP-1042
Project uses 14 pieces

Specialized Tools

Beadsmith Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose



SKU: XTL-5511

Beadsmith Jewelry Fine Round Nose Micro Pliers



SKU: XTL-5514

Xuron Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - Wire/Soft Flex



SKU: XTL-5600

Instructions:

Don't forget to double these directions to make your matched pair of earrings.

1. Take your Krinkle chain and cut the following lengths: 2 pieces that are 6 links long, 2 pieces that are 8 links long, 2 pieces that are 10 links long, 1 piece that is 12 links long.
2. Next, place a SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS crystal bicone in caribbean blue opal onto a gold plated head pin. Create a simple wire loop after the bead and snip off excess with flush cutters. Make a total of 4 of these.
3. Take a head pin and snip off the head, try to leave as much wire intact as possible. Create a simple wire loop on one end of your wire. Slide onto the other end of wire 1 SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS crystal bicone in caribbean blue opal. Create another simple wire loop after the bead and snip off excess wire with flush cutters. Using your chain nose pliers, twist your simple loops so that one is facing left to right and one is facing back to front (so they are oriented in the opposite direction of each other). Create a total of 3 of these.
4. Take one of the segments you made in the step above, open the simple wire loop on one end, and slide onto it one of your cut chain link pieces that is 6 links long and one that is 8 links long. Close the loop. Open the loop on the other side and link it to one of the side loops on your gold plated ornate strand reducer. Close the wire loop. Take one of the bicone dangles you made several steps ago and link it to this same loop on the strand reducer (make it so that it hangs off to the side, not towards the middle).
5. Repeat the entire previous step but this time connect it to the other side loop of your ornate strand reducer, thus leaving just the middle one with nothing connected to it.
6. We will now be using your final segment that has the bicone and 2 simple loops surrounding it. Open one of the loops and place onto it: 1 bicone dangle, 1 cut 10 link chain segment, 1 cut 12 link chain segment, 1 cut 10 link chain segment, and your final bicone dangle. Close the loop back up. Open the simple loop on the other side and connect this to the middle loop on your ornate strand reducer. Close the loop back up.
7. Gently twist (like you would a jump ring) the part of the earring hook with the ball on the end and slide your ornate strand reducer onto the hook via the top loop. Position it so that it rests in the front crook of the earring hook. Twist that portion with the ball back in place so that it secures the strand reducer and prevents it from coming off.
8. Enjoy!

Variations

There are so many lovely SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS 4mm crystal bicone colors to choose from to make this project. Pick your favorite!

When substituting in items, pay attention to sizes and styles to make sure all your pieces will fit together.



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