

May Flower Earrings

Project E744 [Skill Level: Intermediate]

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When I think of Spring, I think of the phrase “April showers bring May flowers.” These earrings capture the Spring spirit with a pretty Vintaj sunflower charm which has been wire wrapped with opaque lustered pale mauve Toho beads.



What You'll Need

Antiqued Brass French Wire Earring Hooks 16mm (10 Pairs)



SKU: FEA-3060
Project uses 2 pieces

Vintaj Natural Brass Sunflower Motif Charms 19mm (2)



SKU: PND-7329
Project uses 2 pieces

Toho Round Seed Beads 11/0 127 'Opaque Lustered Pale Mauve' 8 Gram Tube



SKU: JSK-0053
Project uses 44 pieces

Beadsmith Antique Brass Color Copper Craft Wire 26 Gauge - 30 Yards



SKU: WCR-4208
Project uses 48 inches

Specialized Tools

Vintaj Metal Relief Block For Filing, Buffing & Sanding



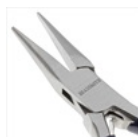
SKU: XTL-2222

Xuron Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers - Wire/Soft Flex



SKU: XTL-5600

Beadsmith Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose



SKU: XTL-5511

Instructions:

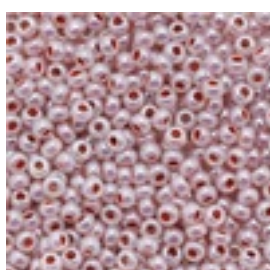
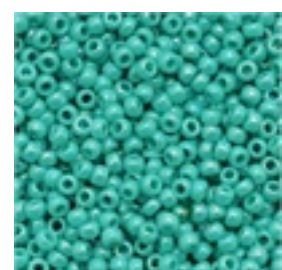
By following the instructions below, you will make one earring. Repeat all instructions to make the second earring.

1. Take your Vintaj relief block and use it to sand the raised area of your Vintaj sunflower charm.
2. Next, please watch this video on [How to Wire Wrap Beads onto a Form](#).
3. Cut 2 lengths of 26 gauge brass wire, 12 inches long each. Following what you learned in the video, wire wrap opaque lustered pale mauve Toho seed beads, size 11/0, around both sides of the charm. Begin up near the top of the flower, make 3 tight wraps (without beads) then add a bead, make a full wrap around without beads, then add another bead, etc, etc. When you get to the base of the flower, make another 2 tight winds without beads and cut off excess wire with flush cutters. Go back and cut off excess wire at the top of the flower so that your wrapping is neat. Wrap the other half of the charm the same way. If need be, take your chain nose pliers to press any rough wire edges down into the wrappings.
4. Open the loop at the base of your brass earring hook the same way you would open a jump ring. Insert the loop at the your charm into the open earring hook loop. Close the loop back up.
5. Happy Spring!

Variations

Changing the color of your Toho seed beads is an easy variation and gives you a wide range of color options. Here are a few suggestions:

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



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