

Opalite Crescendo Earrings

Project E762 [Skill Level: Intermediate]
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Make a smashing fashion statement while wearing these dramatic earrings. Intricately detailed connector beads have been cleverly connected together to form an intriguing centerpiece from which sparkly faceted glass briolettes have been hung.



What You'll Need

Silver Plated Open Jump Rings 4mm 22 Gauge (50)
SKU: FJR-5454
Project uses 26 pieces



Glass Faceted Heart Cut Briolette Beads 8x8mm - Opalite (4)
SKU: BCP-11034
Project uses 10 pieces



Fine Silver Plated Pewter Small Square Vine Connector Small Beads 15mm (2)
SKU: FCO-4739
Project uses 8 pieces



Fine Silver Plated Pewter Bail for 11mm SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS Briolette (4)
SKU: FCO-3015
Project uses 10 pieces



Silver Plated Long Elegant Earring Hooks (50)
SKU: FEA-3025
Project uses 2 pieces



Specialized Tools

Beadsmith Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose
SKU: XTL-5511



Instructions:

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

1. Begin by watching the video: How to Use TierraCast Bails for SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS Briolettes.
2. Based upon what you learned in the video, attach a TierraCast bail to one of your faceted glass briolettes. Repeat this step with another 4 bails and another 4 briolettes. Set these aside for now.
3. To make the main part of your earring, you will be connecting 4 TierraCast clover connector beads together via their side loops using jump rings. Please look closely at the photo of this project to get a better idea of how they are connected.
4. The easiest way to build this center piece is to create a square with 4 connectors. Lay 4 connectors out on your table so that you have a square that is 2 connectors long and 2 connectors high. At each of their join points, where their loops meet each other, link them together with a jump ring. In the center, you will be linking the squares top to bottom and side to side, not diagonally. Please see photo.
5. Once you have your centerpiece created, rotate it on your table so that it looks like a diamond instead of a square. Along the two bottom sides of your diamond, there should be 5 loops available to hang your briolettes from. Hang a briolette (with bail) from each loop using a jump ring for each.
6. Open the loop at the base of your earring hook, the same way you would open a jump ring, and link this to the top loop on your diamond centerpiece. Close the loop back up.
7. Enjoy!

Variations

Create this pretty design in different metal and briolette colors.

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



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