

# Crystalline Christmas Earrings

## Project E8032

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Shine it on this holiday season with these sparkling tiered earrings! Swarovski crystal bicones and cup chain are elegantly wire wrapped onto gold-filled links, framing a rich scarlet briolette drop.

## What You'll Need

Swarovski Crystal, 6010 Briolette Pendants 13x6.5mm 2 Pieces, Scarlet

SKU: SWC-46580

Project uses 2 pieces



Swarovski Crystal, 5328 Bicone Beads 3mm, 25 Pieces, Emerald

SKU: SWBB-1350

Project uses 18 pieces



Pear Shaped Open Frame Link, 39.5x27mm / 18 Gauge Thick, 1 Piece, 14K Gold Filled

SKU: FCO-104

Project uses 2 pieces



Teardrop Shaped Open Frame Link, with Two Rings 32.5x20mm, 1 Piece, 14K Gold Filled

SKU: FCO-094

Project uses 2 pieces



1/2 Oz (41 Ft) Gold Filled Wire 26 Gauge -Round-Half Hard

SKU: WGF-12634

Project uses 4.5 feet



SWAROVSKI ELEMENTS Gold Plated Rhinestone Cup Chain 24PP Crystal - BY THE FT.

SKU: CHA-2021

Project uses 5 inches



French Ear Wire, with 1.5mm Ball End 27x11mm, 2 Pieces, 14K Gold Filled

SKU: FEA-007

Project uses 2 pieces



## Recommended Tools:

[XTL-5514] Beadsmith Jewelry Fine Round Nose Micro Pliers, [XTL-5511] Beadsmith

Jeweller's Micro Pliers Chain Nose Flat Nose, [XTL-5600] Xuron Sharp Flush Cutter Pliers -

Wire/Soft Flex

## Instructions

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

1. If you are new to wire wrapping, please watch our video: How to Wire Wrap Cup Chain onto an Open Frame Pendant. Begin by cutting 1 foot of 26

gauge gold-filled wire, and attach the wire half-way up the side of your larger pendant frame by coiling 3 times around the frame. Clip the extra wire.

2. Cut a length of size 24pp Swarovski rhinestone cup chain 13 links long (approximately 2.5 inches), and line up the chain along the side of your pendant frame starting with the first rhinestone link at your coiled attachment point. Follow along with the video to wire wrap each rhinestone onto your frame. Please note: instead of attaching the chain along the outer edge of the form as shown in the video, you will be attaching the chain along the side of your pendant frame facing forward (see photo for reference). Once you have finished wire wrapping all 13 rhinestones onto the pendant frame, coil 3 times around the frame after your last rhinestone to secure your work, and clip the extra wire.

3. Next, please watch our video: How to Wire Wrap Beads Onto a Form. Cut another foot of wire and attach the wire half-way up the side of your smaller pendant frame, the same way you did in Step 1. Using what you have learned in the video, wire wrap eight 3mm Swarovski crystal emerald bicones along the bottom of your frame (see photo for reference). After your last bead, coil 3 times around the frame and clip the extra wire.

4. Now you may want to reference this video on how to wrap a briolette. Cut 3 inches of wire, and follow along with the video to create the first half of your wire wrap above your scarlet Swarovski crystal briolette. String on one 3mm emerald bicone, then create the second half of your wire wrap, remembering to latch the loop of your wire wrap onto the top inner loop of your pendant frame before coiling the wrap closed (see photo for reference).

5. Finally, use pliers to open the bottom loop of your earring hook the same way you would open a jump ring. Slide on the tops of both your pendant frames, making sure that the cup chain is facing forward. Close the loop. Enjoy your earrings!