

# Kumihimo Loop Earrings in Ice Blue

## Project E8085

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A variegated blue kumihimo braid frames a Swarovski Crystal beaded focal in this wintery statement earring.

## What You'll Need

Swarovski Crystal, #5810 Round Faux Pearl Beads 6mm, 50 Pieces, Iridescent Dark Blue

SKU: SWP-6037

Project uses 2 pieces



Swarovski Crystal, #5328 Bicone Beads 6mm, 20 Pieces, White Opal

SKU: SWBB-1620

Project uses 2 pieces



Silver Plated Open Jump Rings 6mm 21 Gauge (50)

SKU: FJR-5467

Project uses 2 pieces



Swarovski Crystal, 6748 Edelweiss Pendant 14mm, 1 Piece, White Opal

SKU: SWCR-6242

Project uses 2 pieces



Beadsmith Silver Plated Barrel Cord Ends With Ring 10mm Long - Fits Up To 3mm Cord (4)

SKU: FCR-1601

Project uses 4 pieces



Super-Lon (S-Lon) Cord - Winter Mix - Twelve 77 Yard Spools / Size 18 Cord

SKU: XCR-4600

Project uses 1 package



Silver Plated Sleek Tapered Round Earring Hooks 13.5x9.5mm (10)

SKU: FEA-3035

Project uses 2 pieces



Bright Silver Plated Open Petal Flower Bead Caps 7mm (50)

SKU: BMB-6453

Project uses 2 pieces



TierraCast Rhodium Plated Pewter Daisy Spacer Beads 3mm (x 50)

SKU: BMB-3239

Project uses 2 pieces



Artistic Wire, Silver Plated Craft Wire 24 Gauge Thick, 10 Yard Spool, Tarnish Resistant Silver

SKU: WCR-2430

Project uses 4 inches



E6000 Industrial Strength Glue Adhesive (0.18 fl oz)



SKU: XTL-1054

Project uses 1 tube

**Recommended Tools:**

[XTL-6095] Beadsmith Lightweight Kumihimo Round Disc Disk For Japanese Braiding and Cording 35mm Hole, [XTL-6108] No Tangle Flexible Plastic Thread Bobbins For Kumihimo Or Macrame 2 1/2 Inch (8 Pack), [XTL-6063] Gator Weight For Kumihimo Braiding - 1.6 Ounces (1), [XTL-5700] Fiskars 5 Precision Tip Scissors - Super Sharp, [XTL-100] Micro Grip Pliers, Side Cutters, 4.5 Inches Long, 1 Piece, [XTL-104] Micro Grip Pliers, Round Nose, 5 Inches Long, 1 Piece, [XTL-103] Micro Grip Pliers, Bent Chain Nose, 5 Inches Long, 1 Piece, [XTL-9920] Beadaholique Bead Mat, 12.5x9.25 Inches, 1 Piece

## Instructions

By following the instructions below, you will make one earring. Repeat all instructions to make the second earring. To complete this project, you will also need tape and a toothpick.

1. If you are new to Kumihimo, please begin by watching our video on how to make a simple 8-warp kumihimo braid.
2. Based on the technique shown in the video, cut two 3 foot lengths of each of the following colors of S-lon cord: blue, sky blue, capri blue, and white. Tie them together with an overhand knot at one end.
3. Wind your threads onto the bobbins as shown in the video.
4. Arrange the threads in your kumihimo disc in the following order: Two strands of blue on either side of the 32 dot at the top, two strands of sky blue on either side of the 16 dot at the bottom, two strands of capri blue on either side of the 24 dot at the left, and two strands of white on either side of the 8 dot at the right. Attach your weight to the knot after you have positioned your cords.
5. Create a 10 inch kumihimo braid. Then remove your bobbins from the disc, create another overhand knot on the opposite side of your braid, and cut off the excess S-lon.
6. Next, please watch the video: How to Make a Pair of Kumihimo Loop Earrings. In this video, you will see how to measure, cut, and finish off your kumihimo braid using cord ends. Then you will see how to assemble your earrings and attach an earring hook. Enjoy!

