

Kumihimo Loop Earrings in Rouge

Project E8086

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A Valentine palette of red and pink is woven into a delicate kumihimo braid, looped to frame a Swarovski Crystal pearl and heart focal. Gold findings and accent beads add a rich metal element to the design.

What You'll Need

Swarovski Crystal, #6432 Heart Cut Pendant 10.5mm, 2 Pieces, Rose

SKU: SWCR-6458

Project uses 2 pieces



Swarovski Crystal, #5810 Round Faux Pearl Beads 6mm, 50 Pieces, Pearlescent White

SKU: SWP-6076

Project uses 2 pieces



Swarovski Crystal, #5328 Bicone Beads 5mm, 20 Pieces, Rose

SKU: SWBB-1582

Project uses 2 pieces



Super-Lon (S-Lon) Cord - Size #18 Twisted Nylon - Light Orchid (77 Yard Spool)

SKU: XCR-4616

Project uses 6 feet



Super-Lon (S-Lon) Cord - Size #18 Twisted Nylon - Rose Pink / 77 Yard Spool

SKU: XCR-4326

Project uses 6 feet



Super-Lon (S-Lon) Cord - Size #18 Twisted Nylon - Dark Red (77 Yard Spool)

SKU: XCR-4612

Project uses 6 feet



Super-Lon (S-Lon) Cord - Size #18 Twisted Nylon - Vanilla (77 Yard Spool)

SKU: XCR-4622

Project uses 6 feet



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

SKU: FCR-1602

Project uses 4 pieces



22K Gold Plated Open Jump Rings 6mm 21 Gauge (50)

SKU: FJR-5465

Project uses 2 pieces



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

SKU: FEA-3037

Project uses 2 pieces



22K Gold Plated Open Petal Flower Bead Caps 7mm (50)

SKU: BMB-6454

Project uses 2 pieces



TierraCast Bright 22K Gold Plated Pewter Daisy Spacer Beads 3mm (50)

SKU: BMB-3240

Project uses 4 pieces



Wire Elements, Tarnish Resistant Gold Color Copper Wire, 24 Gauge 30 Yards (27.4 Meters)

SKU: WNT-2433

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-101] Micro Grip Pliers, Long Chain Nose, 5 Inches Long, 1 Piece, [XTL-104] Micro Grip Pliers, Round Nose, 5 Inches Long, 1 Piece, [XTL-9920] Beadaholique Bead Mat, 12.5x9.25 Inches, 1 Piece

Instructions

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

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 color of the following S-lon cords: light orchid, rose pink, dark red, and vanilla. Tie them together with an overhand knot at one end.
3. Wind your threads in the bobbins as shown in the video.
4. Arrange the threads in your kumihimo disc in the following order: Two strands of light orchid on either side of the 32 dot at the top, two strands of rose pink on either side of the 16 dot at the bottom, two strands of dark red on either side of the 24 dot at the left, and two strands of vanilla 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!