

Twelve Days of Christmas Earrings



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It's never too early to get ready for Christmas and with this collection of twelve festive earrings, you'll be well prepared for the Christmas party season. With such diverse designs to choose from, you'll always have just the right pair of earrings to fit the occasion. Whether you're looking for something jolly and cheerful for a school concert, something elegant for a work Christmas party, or something that conveys the "reason for the season" on Christmas Day, you're sure to find it here!



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Jewellery-Making Basics:

If you're new to jewellery-making, you'll find it helpful to visit the links below to learn the basic techniques needed to complete these designs, before proceeding to make the fabulous earrings in this collection:

- [Opening and closing jump rings](#)
- [Turning Simple Loops](#)
- [Making Wrapped Loops](#)
- [Creating a triangle jump ring](#)

Beads and Findings:

You'll find links to many of the supplies within the materials list for each design but from time to time you'll find that the listed supplier is out of stock or that the item is no longer available. If a link no longer works, the item you are looking for may have been moved to a different page on their website so try the search bar on their home page to see if you can locate it that way. If you still can't find the item you're looking for, try hunting it down via an image search on Google. Some other places you might find helpful are Amazon and Etsy. Please note that I am not endorsing or recommending any of the sources that I have listed, but rather suggesting them as a place where you might find the supplies you need.

Happy jewellery-making!

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Day 1 - Oh, Christmas Tree

Oh, Christmas Tree

The first pair is a glowing red Christmas tree bead framed with a diamond cut silver ring.



Day 1 - Oh, Christmas Tree

For this project you'll need:



- 2 x 32mm silver diamond cut ring
- 2 x red Christmas Tree bead
- 2 x green marguerite beads with hole across the top
- 2 silver earring wires
- 2 silver head pins
- 22 gauge silver wire
- 2 x 4mm silver jump rings

Tools: flat nose pliers, round nose pliers, flush cutters



Thread the marguerite on a length of wire so that one end is twice as long as the other. Bend the wire where it exits the bead so that it forms a triangle shape. Using the flat nose pliers, bend the longer wire vertically where the wires cross to form a neck.



Wrap the shorter wire around the neck twice and trim it flush against the neck using flush cutters. These will help you trim closer to the neck than regular wire cutters.

Day 1- Oh, Christmas Tree



Using round nose pliers, form a loop about 2-3mm (1/16") above the wire you have trimmed away in the last step (the first part of the wrap). Hook the loop onto the silver ring.



Create a wrapped loop by wrapping the wire around the neck until it meets the first part of the wrap. Trim away the excess wire as close to the neck as you can. If it sticks out a little bit, press the wire against the neck with the pliers. This will form the drop below the frame.



Thread the Christmas Tree bead on a head pin. Leave a 2-3mm (1/16") neck and create a loop by wrapping the wire around the round nose pliers. Hook it onto the silver ring and complete another wrapped loop.

Use a jump ring to connect this loop to the earring wire and make another earring to match.

Day 2 - Merry and Bright Earrings

Merry and Bright Earrings

Keep your spirits bright this Christmas with this fun and playful pair of budlight Earrings.



Day 2 - Merry and Bright Earrings

For this project you'll need:



- 6 teardrop crystals in your choice of colour
- 24 small silver daisy spacers
- 2 earring wires
- 2 x 6mm silver jump rings
- fine silver chain
- 6 silver head pins

Tools: round nose pliers, chain nose pliers, flush cutters



Thread a crystal onto each head pin followed by 4 daisy spacers. Bend the head pins at a 90° angle.



Trim the head pins to about 10mm (3/8").

Day 2- Merry and Bright Earrings



Turn a simple loop on each one.



Cut 3 varying lengths of chain for each earring. Open the loops of the bud light components and hook them onto the chains. Open the jump ring and thread each chain onto it and then attach it to the earring wire.

Make a second earring to match.

Day 3 - Ice Blue Ornament Earrings

Ice Blue Ornament Earrings

These elaborate looking earrings are really quick and easy to make and show you how classy a plastic disk bead can look when it's combined with the right elements.



Day 3 - Ice Blue Ornament Earrings

Here's what you'll need:



- 2 x 4mm turquoise bicones
- 2 Aqua Blue teardrop crystals
- 2 x silver AB crystal rondelles
- 4 x 11mm silver flower-shaped bead caps
- 2 plastic flower beads
- 2 x silver 7mm cones
- 2 silver seed beads
- 2 silver eye pins
- 2 silver head pins
- 2 silver interchangeable earring wires

Tools: round nose pliers, chain nose pliers, flush cutters



Thread the beads and findings on the eye pin in the order laid out above. Turn a simple loop with the round nose pliers.

Day 3 - Ice Blue Ornament Earrings

Thread the teardrop crystal onto the remaining head pin and turn a simple loop. Attach it to the cone end of the first component.

Slide the loop at the top of the component onto the interchangeable earring wire and gently squeeze it closed. Make a second earring in the same way.

Day 4 - Christmas Lantern Earrings

Christmas Lantern Earrings

For these earrings, I've picked out a pair of cane glass beads from my bead collection to turn into Christmas Lanterns.



Day 4 - Christmas Lantern Earrings

To make these earrings, you'll need the following supplies:



- 2 cane glass beads
- 4 Beadalon silver plated bead caps
- 4 x 6mm silver crystal rondelles
- 4 x 3mm silver ball beads
- 2 x 10.5x7mm crystal briolette
- 2 silver seed beads
- 2 x 4mm jump rings
- 2 silver head pins
- 2 silver eye pins
- 2 silver earring wires

Tools: round nose pliers, flat nose pliers, flush cutters

Begin by threading on all the beads onto the eye pin in the order shown in the photo above, except for the seed bead and teardrop crystal. Turn a simple loop at the top.



Thread the seed bead and teardrop on the head pin. Leave a 2-3mm gap above the bead and bend the head pin at a 45° angle.

Day 4 - Christmas Lantern Earrings



Form a loop with the round nose pliers.



Hook it onto the bottom loop of the lantern component and create a wrapped loop. Trim the excess with flush cutters as close to the neck as you can. Use the flat nose pliers to press the cut end against the neck if needed.



Connect the earring wire to the lantern with the jump ring.

Use the remaining beads and findings to create a matching lantern earring.

Day 5 - A Scandinavian Christmas

Scandinavian Christmas Earrings

For the times when Christmas glitter and tinsel seem to be too sparkly, tone down your outfit with something a little bit more natural. In this tutorial, we'll be using wooden bell-shaped bead caps and pretty bows to create earrings that still say Christmas but with a lot less glitz.



Day 5 - A Scandinavian Christmas

To make this pair of earrings, here's what you'll need:



- 2 wooden bell shaped bead caps
- 2 brass coloured bow charms
- 6 x 5mm Silver Star Beads
- 6 silver seed beads
- 2 small silver bead caps
- 10 x 4mm silver jump rings
- 2 x 6mm silver jump rings
- 2 silver eye pins
- 6 silver head pins
- fine silver chain

Tools: chain nose pliers, rounds nose pliers, flush cutters



Thread a seed bead and star on each head pin.



Cut the chain into two lengths measuring approximately 10mm (3/8") and one length measuring 15mm (3/4"). Turn loops in the head pins above the points of the stars and hook each one through a length of chain.

Day 5 - A Scandinavian Christmas



Wrap the wire around the necks of the head pins to secure the stars in place.



Open a jump ring and thread on the chains and attach to the eye pin.



Thread the bell and bead cap on the eye pin. Leave a 2-3mm (1/8") gap above the bead cap and bend the eye pin at a 45° angle. Turn a loop, wrap the tail of the eye pin around the neck and trim away the excess.

Day 5 - A Scandinavian Christmas



Attach a jump ring to the bow and one to the wrapped loop. Open the 6mm jump ring and attach the bell and the bow together. Before closing it, add the earring wire.

Create a matching earring using the remaining components.

Day 6 - Filigree Cone Drops

Filigree Cone Drop Earrings

Not all Christmas Earrings have to look like they're Christmas earrings. This striking pair of earrings combines a delicate looking filigree cone with a classic glass pearl - simple and elegant.



They're also super quick to make. And if you choose a different coloured bead, this design will be suitable all year 'round.

Day 6 - Filigree Cone Drops

Here are the supplies you'll need:



- 2 x Silver Plated 8 x 40mm Filigree Cones
- 2 x 12mm red glass pearls
- 2 silver bead caps
- 2 silver crystal rondelles
- 2 x 3mm silver ball beads
- 2 x 61mm silver head pins
- 2 silver earring wires

Tools: chain nose pliers, round nose pliers, flush cutters



Thread the beads and findings on to the head pins in the order shown and then thread the head pin through the filigree cone. Flare out the points of the filigree so that the bead will slide up inside the cone a little. Take care not to scratch the bead.



Turn a simple loop at the top of the cone. Trim away the excess if there is any.

Day 6 - Filigree Cone Drops



Open the loop and hook the earring wire. Close it again and you're done!

Use the remaining components to make a matching earring.

Day 7 - Spiral Christmas Trees

Spiral Christmas Tree Earrings

If you're feeling a little whimsical, these fun Spiral Christmas Tree earrings are just the thing to add a touch of playfulness to your Christmas outfit.



Day 7 - Spiral Christmas Trees

Supplies you'll need for these earrings are:

- a cone or form to create your tree. I used a cake icing tube.
- 20 gauge non tarnish silver wire
- assorted large seed beads (size 6 approximately) - holes must be large enough to thread on the wire
- 2 5mm Silver Star Beads
- 4 small silver seed beads
- 2 silver earring wires
- G-S Hypo Cement

Tools: flat nose pliers, round nose pliers, flush cutters.



Leave a 4cm (1 1/2") tail on the wire and begin wrapping it around the cone in a spiral.



When you get to the bottom of the cone, wrap once more around the cone to create a flat bottom so that the earring will stand up. This is optional.

Day 7 - Spiral Christmas Trees



Thread on an assortment of beads. Move them around the spiral until you are happy with their placement. Dab some G-S Hypo Cement on the wire and then slide the bead over it. Glue only one bead at a time.



Thread a silver seed bead, the star and another silver seed bead on the top of the tree. Create a wrapped loop to keep them securely in place and trim away the excess wire.



Finish the sharp end of the spiral by turning a small loop with your round nose pliers.

Create a matching earring and sit back and admire your spiral trees. These are sure to get many admiring comments.

Day 8 - Mixed Metal Snowflakes

Mixed Metal Snowflake Earrings

Combining different coloured metals can add an extra dimension to your designs. Don't stop at just gold and silver though. Try gunmetal and silver, or add warm copper to add visual interest to gold or silver.



Day 8 - Mixed Metal Snowflakes

Here's what you'll need to make the Mixed Metal Snowflake Earrings:



- 2 gold snowflake charms
- 2 silver "Peace" charms (the same diameter as the snowflakes)
- 4 crystal teardrop crystals
- 6 x 6mm gold AB Crystal rondelles
- 2 champagne teardrop crystals
- fine gold chain
- 4 x 4mm gold jump rings
- 2 x 6mm gold jump rings
- 6 gold head pins
- 2 gold earring wires

Tools: round nose pliers, chain nose pliers, flush cutters



String a teardrop crystal and a rondelle on each head pin (the photo shows silver rondelles instead of gold). Cut three lengths of chain: 18mm (3/4"), 33mm (1.5") and 27mm (1 1/8").



Create the first part of a wrapped loop on each one, hooking it on to the bottom link of one of the chains. The gold crystal should be attached to the medium length of chain and the crystal teardrops to the long and short chains.

Day 8 - Mixed Metal Snowflakes



Attach the three chains to a 4mm jump ring with the longest chain in the middle.



Open the 6mm jump ring and hook on the snowflake, the peace charm and the jump ring of the chains.



Connect the jump ring to the earring wire and the remaining 4mm jump ring.

Make a second earring to match with the remaining components.

Day 9 - Aurora Starburst

Aurora Starburst Earrings

I'm throwing traditional Christmas colours out the window and using multi coloured marguerites for a really different festive feel. These earrings would be great for your New Year's Eve celebrations as well as Christmas.



Day 9 - Aurora Starburst

Here's what you'll need:



- 2 multi coloured 12mm marguerite beads
- 2 silver 20mm snowflake charms
- 10 5mm Silver Star Beads
- 1 2 silver size 10 or 11 seed beads
- fine silver chain
- 10 silver head pins
- 10 x 4mm jump rings
- 2 earring wires
- 26g silver wire

Tools: round nose pliers, chain nose pliers, flush cutters



Thread a seed bead and a star on each head pin and turn a simple loop.



Cut the chain in 5 lengths making two short ones, two medium ones and one long one. Open the loop on the star components and attach one to each chain.

Day 9 - Aurora Starburst



Thread each chain onto a jump ring and connect it to the snowflake as shown in the photo.



Cut a 10cm (4") length of wire and string a seed bead onto it. Fold the wire in half so the seed bead is centred and then poke both ends through the hole of the marguerite. Pull it through so that the seed bead sits right up against the marguerite.

Day 9 - Aurora Starburst



Thread the wires through opposite sides of the snowflake and pull the marguerite up against the snowflake. Twist it twice on the back making sure that the marguerite is firmly in place. Thread both wires back to the front so that they are hidden under the marguerite. Wrap them around the bead and then trim away the excess.

Open the hook of the earring wire and attach the snowflake charm. Complete the second earring to match.

Day 10 - Wrapped and Bejewelled

Wrapped and Bejewelled Earrings

Today's earrings are called "Wrapped and Bejewelled" and use Beadalon Wrappers as the base component. The grooves around the outside of these components makes it really easy to wrap them with wire.



For today's earrings you'll need:

Day 10 - Wrapped and Bejewelled



- 2 silver Beadalon circle Wrappers
- 26g silver Artistic Wire
- 2 smokey black crystal stars with top hole
- 6 x 4mm Light Siam crystal bicones
- 6 x 4mm silver crystal bicones
- 2 silver holly charms
- 2 silver striped candy cane charms
- 2 Beadalon crystal pinch bails
- 8 x 4mm jump rings
- 2 interchangeable silver earring wires
- fine silver chain

Tools: chain nose pliers, flush cutters



Cut a length of wire, approximately 30cm (12") long and wrap it several times around one of the notches close to the bail to secure.



Wrap it around the notch diagonally across from the first notch and add a red crystal.

Day 10 - Wrapped and Bejewelled



Continue wrapping around the notches adding silver and red beads on 6 of the wires. Make sure you add them on both the front and the back.



Once you get back to the notch on the other side of the bail, wrap it around the notch two or three times and then thread it back through the nearest bead.



Pull the wire through with the chain nose pliers taking up all the slack. Trim the wire with flush cutters taking care not to cut the wire the bead is threaded on.

Day 10 - Wrapped and Bejewelled



Squeeze the bail together so that the prongs are closer together.



Place it opposite the bail on the Wrapper and squeeze it closed. You will need to do this with pliers. This is the top of the earring.



Cut two different lengths of chain, attach the longer one to the candy cane and shorter one to the star crystal with jump rings. Add a jump ring to the other end of each chain. Before closing the jump ring on the star component, add the holly charm and then hook it onto the bottom bail of the Wrapper. Attach the candy component to the bottom bail also. Hook the earring wire through the top bail and press the bail and wire together firmly.

Make a matching earring with the remaining components.

Day 11 - Jingle Bell Wreath

Jingle Bell Wreath Earrings

Traditionally, red, green, silver and gold are the colours we associate with Christmas. But to add a bit of drama, why not consider adding a touch of black to the mix. It works really well with antiqued silver elements like the silver bell charms in this project.



Day 11 - Jingle Bell Wreath

Here's what you'll need to complete the Jingle Bell Wreath earrings:



- 16 x 8mm silver beads
- 2 matte black Bead Landing bow charms
- 2 14x12mm Antiqued Silver Bell Charms
- 26g silver wire
- 6mm wide red satin ribbon
- 2 x 6mm silver jump rings
- 2 silver earring wires

Tools: round nose pliers, chain nose pliers, nylon jaw pliers, flush cutters, ruler, scissors, pencil



Measure 5cm (2") from the end of the ribbon and place a mark. Measure along 13mm (1/2") and mark, then 5.5mm (1/4") and mark. Continue marking at 13mm (1/2") and 5.5mm (1/4") intervals eight times in total.



Cut a 25cm (10") length of wire and poke it through the first mark.

Day 11 - Jingle Bell Wreath



Use round nose pliers to turn a couple of loops in the wire so it won't pull through.



String on a bead and thread the wire through the ribbon at the first two marks. Continue threading beads in this fashion.



Whenever the wire becomes bent, use the nylon jaw pliers to straighten it again.

Day 11 - Jingle Bell Wreath



Centre the beads on the wire and cut away the loops which stopped the wire from pulling through the ribbon. Form the beaded ribbon into a wreath shape.



Add a jump ring to the bell charm and thread both the wires through it, one from each side. Twist the wires twice tightly so that the bell is secure.



Thread the ribbon through the bow charm, one from each side. Make sure the bow is sitting correctly and then tie it in a knot.

Day 11 - Jingle Bell Wreath



Trim away one of the wires above the twist. Grip the remaining wire above the twist with the chain nose pliers and bend it at a 45° angle. Form a loop with the round nose pliers and hook it onto the earring wire. Wrap the tail neatly around the neck and then trim away the excess.



Tie the bow into another knot and then trim the ends at an angle.

Make the second earring in the same way.

For a different look, form the wreath with the ribbon on the outside of the beads.

Day 12 - Angels on High

Angels on High

If you're looking for earrings that convey the *reason for the season*, then look no further than these Angels on High Earrings. The combination of gold, silver and Black Diamond gives these a really classy look.



Day 12 -Angels on High

Here's what you'll need:



- Gold Metal Glow Mesh
- 2 23x26mm Silver Angel Charm
- 2 smoky black star crystals with top drilled hole
- Beadalon 22 Gauge Hematite Artistic Wire
- 26 Gauge Gold Wire
- fine silver chain
- 2 silver earring wires
- 6 x 4mm silver jump rings

Tools: round nose pliers, chain nose pliers, flush cutters.



Cut a piece of mesh, 11 links x 11 links. Cut a length of gold wire approximately 25cm (10") long. Turn the mesh over to the back and thread the wire along the first side. Thread it along the second edge, pushing it through from the corner rather than pulling it from the end. This will help eliminate a nasty kink at the corner.

Day 12 - Angels on High



Repeat on all sides so the wire exits from the top.



Twist the wires together neatly.



Form a loop around the jaws of the round nose pliers and then thread on the earring wire making sure it is facing the right way. Finish the loop by wrapping it around the twisted wire around the neck (wrapped loop). Trim away the excess as close to the neck as possible, taking care not to nick the wire.

Day 12 - Angels on High



Cut a piece of chain 15mm (5/8") long and use jump rings to connect one end to the angel charm and the other end to the earring wire.



Create a triangle jump ring from the Hematite Wire for the star crystal.



Connect the triangle jump ring to the earring wire with the remaining silver jump ring.

Use the remaining components to make a matching earring and you're ready to wear your angel earrings.

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