

Twelve Days of Christmas Earrings

Volume 3



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Day 1 - Gift of the Orient

If you're looking for distinctive, one-of-a-kind earrings for the festive season then you've come to the right place. The Twelve Days of Christmas Earrings Volume 3 is jam packed with magical earrings that are the essence of Christmas. If you love wearing gold, you're sure to find something amongst the eight designs that feature this lustrous metal. You'll find designs made with leather, filigree brass stampings and wire using a variety of techniques. There are some very clever ideas here and you're sure to find something amongst them that is perfect to spruce up your Christmas outfits.



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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](#)

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 - Gift of the Orient

Gift of the Orient Earrings

These earrings have a hint of the orient about them, like a precious gift from the Magi who followed the star to find the new born King. They have lots of movement and the crystals and stars catch the light making them perfect for your Christmas celebrations.



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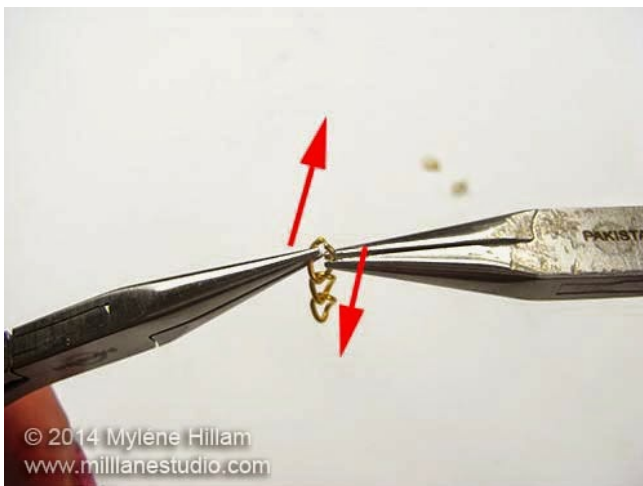
Here's what you'll need:



- 2 x 6mm Ruby/gold Swarovski rondelles
- 10 x 4mm Dark Siam Swarovski bicones
- 2 x 8x12mm gold filigree basket-shaped bead caps
- 26 x 10mm gold star charms with loops
- 10 links gold extender chain
- 12 links fine gold necklace chain
- 2 x gold eye pins
- 8 gold head pins
- 16 x 4mm gold jump rings
- 2 gold earring wires

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

Set half the materials aside for the second earring.



Separate the extender chain into five separate links by holding the end chain link with two pairs of pliers. Move one hand towards you and the other away from you just as if you were opening a jump ring. *Tip: to close it, just reverse the process.*

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Hook a star onto one of the links and two stars on the other four links. Hook the first link onto one of the other links and close the link.



Make sure a star is positioned on each side of this second link.

Hook a third link through the second link. Close it and position a star on each side of the link. Repeat with a fourth and fifth link.

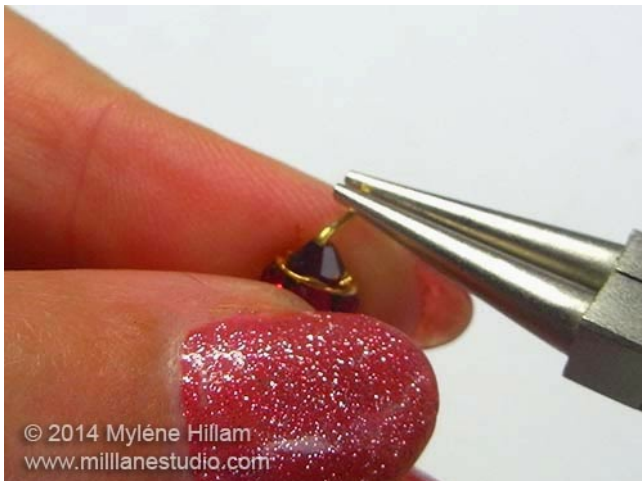


Open the loop of an eye pin, hook it through the fifth link and close it.

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Insert it through the hole of the bead cap and string it with a rondelle and a bicone.

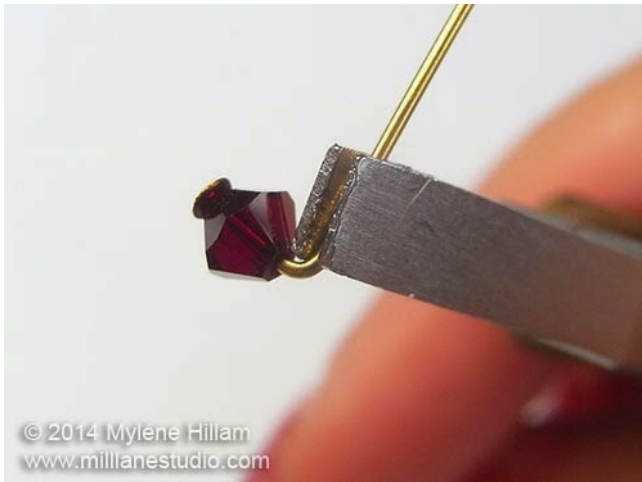


Turn a simple loop.



Open four jump rings and hook a star charm on each one. Before closing the jump rings, attach one to every second loop in the bead cap.

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String a bicone onto each of the head pins and turn a simple loop.

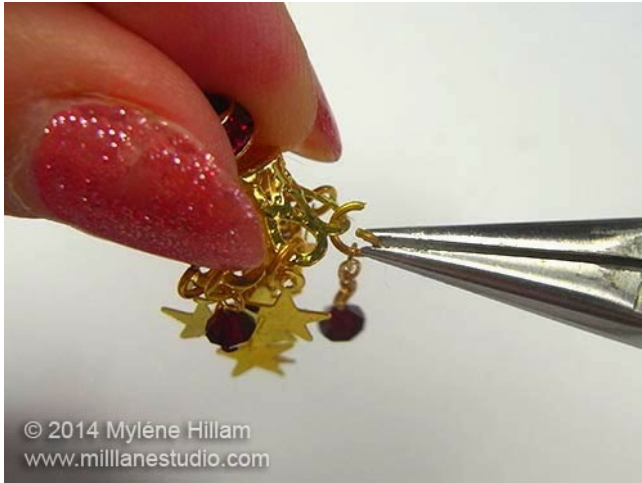


Attach a jump ring to the two remaining bicones and place them in the remaining loops of the bead cap.



Cut two lengths of three links of the fine chain. Open the loop on two of the bicones and attach one to each of the two chains.

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Attach each of the chain to opposite sides of the bead cap with a jump ring.



Attach the earring to an earring wire.

Make a second earring to match.

Day 2 - Bright Red Christmas Ornaments

Bright Red Christmas Ornament Earrings

If you're short of time in the lead up to Christmas then today's Christmas Ornament earrings are just what you're looking for. This is a quick and easy pair of earrings to assemble - just what you need at this time of the year.



Day 2 - Bright Red Christmas Ornaments

Here's what you'll need:



- 2 hollow red gourd-shaped beads (osgmyart.com)
- 2 x 4mm Swarovski Crystal, Light Siam
- 4 x 4mm Swarovski Bicones, Comet Argent Light
- 2 x silver mesh bow connectors
- 4 x 4x2mm silver plated bead caps
- 2 x 5x6mm silver plated basket bead caps
- 2 x 6x12mm silver crown shaped bead caps
- 2 x silver ball head pins
- 2 x silver eye pins

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



Set aside half the materials for the second earring. Use the flat nose pliers to bend the two connectors on the silver mesh bow to the back so they sit perpendicular to the bow.

Day 2 - Bright Red Christmas Ornaments



String the beads onto the eye pin in the order shown.



Thread the eye pin through the two connectors of the bow.



String the small bead cap and the Silver Comet bicone onto the eye pin.

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To make sure the bow doesn't swivel around on the eye pin, press all the components firmly down onto the eye pin and then use the flat nose pliers to bend the eye pin at a 90° angle just above the bead cap. Trim the end to 8mm (5/16"). If this is too small for you to work with, then just leave a longer tail and make a larger loop.



Turn the loop.



String the remaining Crystal Comet bicone on the head pin and turn a simple loop.

Day 2 - Bright Red Christmas Ornaments



Open the eye pin loop and hook on the loop of the head pin.

Attach the loop of the earring wire to the top of the ornament. Make a second earring to match.

Nothing says Christmas more than red. But blue beads would look equally good in this design. Then your earrings can do double duty - Wintery icicle earrings for Christmas which would also suit the "Frozen" theme!

Day 3 - Whimsical Candy Canes

Whimsical Candy Cane Earrings

These fun and whimsical earrings need nothing more than a bamboo skewer to form the wire coil around. You'll be able to create your own candy cane earrings using this very simple technique in around an hour.



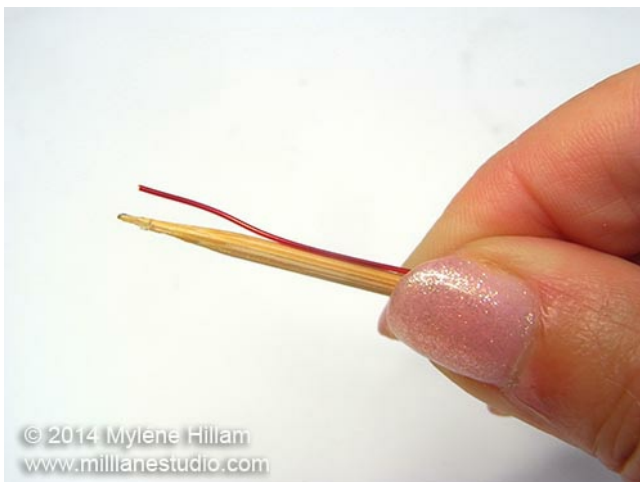
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Here's what you'll need:



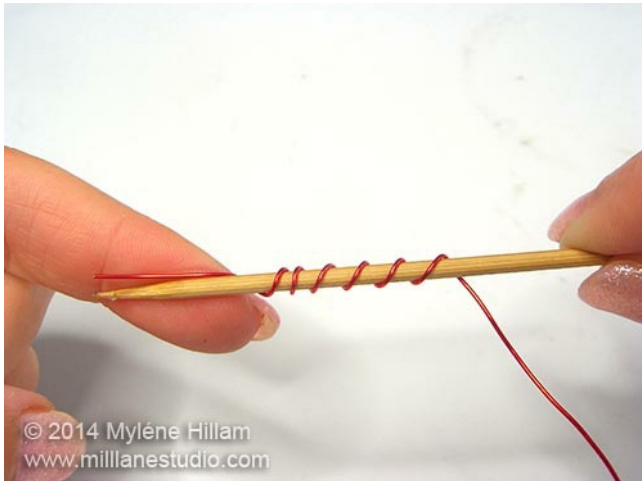
- Artistic Wire 22-Gauge Red Wire
- Beadalon Artistic Wire 20-Gauge Tarnish Resistant Silver Wire
- 2 x 5mm Emerald Swarovski bicones
- 4 x 4mm Emerald Swarovski bicones
- 2 x silver mesh bow connectors
- 2 x 4mm silver jump rings (not pictured)
- 6 silver ball head pins
- 2 silver earring wires

Tools: round nose pliers, chain nose pliers, flat nose pliers, flush cutters, bamboo skewer

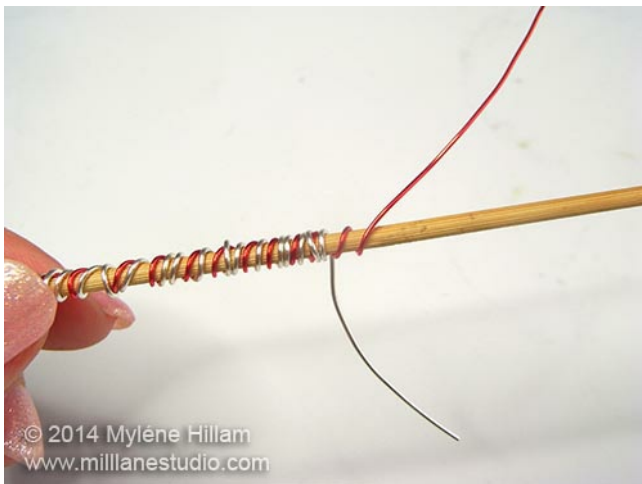


Cut a 35cm (14") length of each of the two wire colours. Line up one end of the red wire with the point of the skewer.

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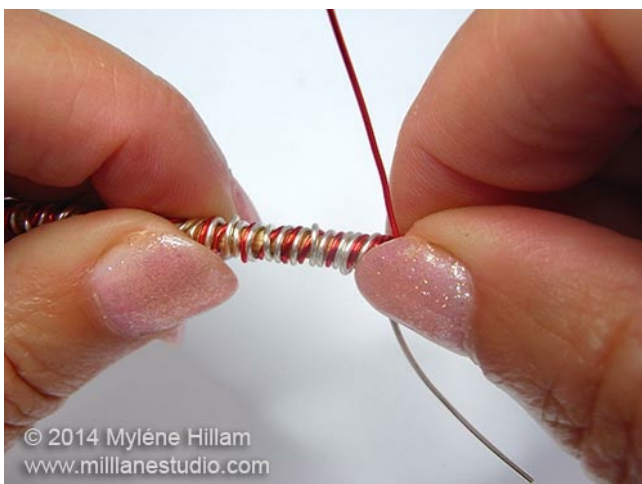


Wrap the wire around the skewer starting about 2.5cm (1") from the tip of the skewer. Wrap the wire firmly but not too tightly or it will be difficult to remove later on. Make about six or so wraps.



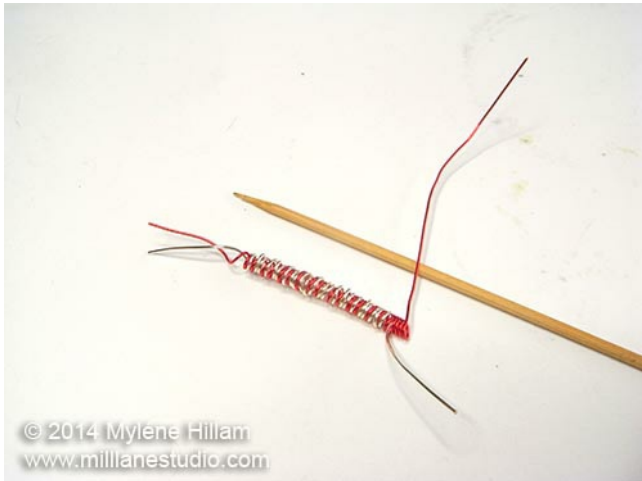
Line up one end of the silver wire with the tip and begin wrapping it in between the red coils: one wrap in the odd coils and two wraps in the even coils. The silver wire will cross over the red wire on the even coils but don't worry because it just adds to the whimsy of the design. Continue wrapping the red wire around the skewer about six more times and

then wrap the silver wire inbetween as before. Continue until there is only a 2.5cm (1") tail left. Finish with three red coils.



Push all the coils together.....

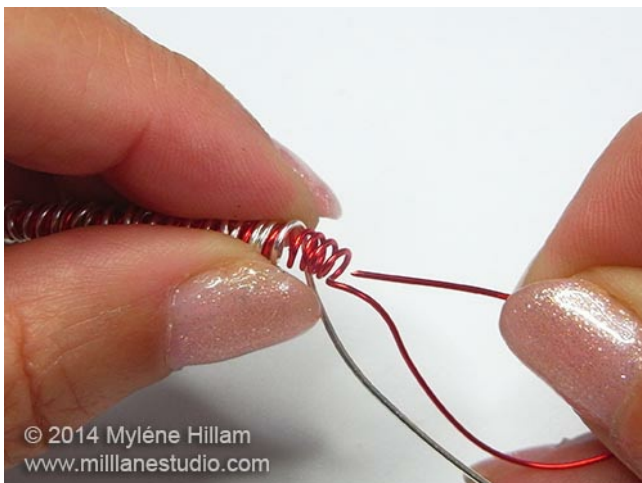
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.... and then slide the coil off the skewer.

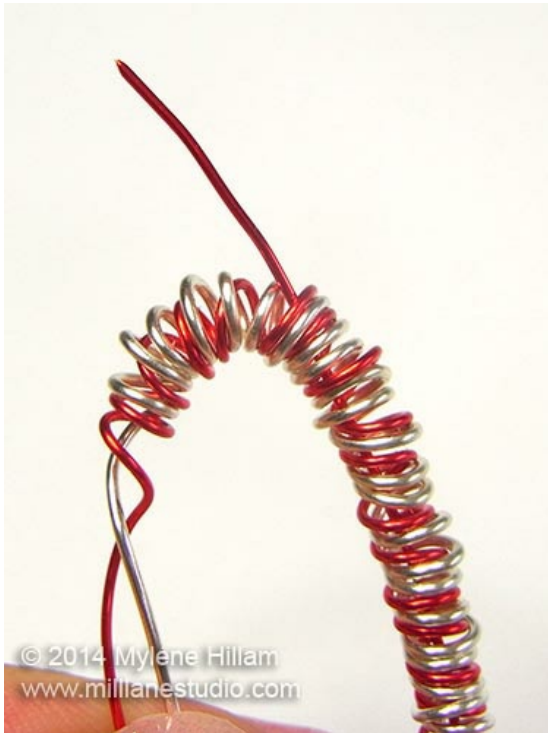


Gently bend the top of the coil to create the hook of the candy cane.

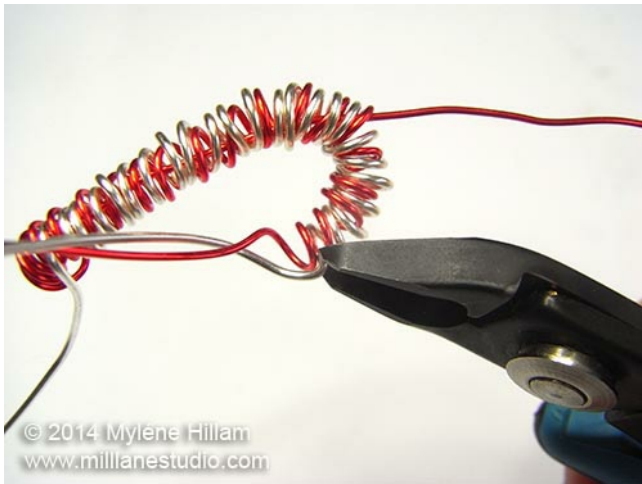


Insert the long red tail inside the coil until it reaches the top of the bend.

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Pull the wire part way out at the top of the hook between the coils. The rest of the tail will be pulled out shortly. This will become the hanging loop.

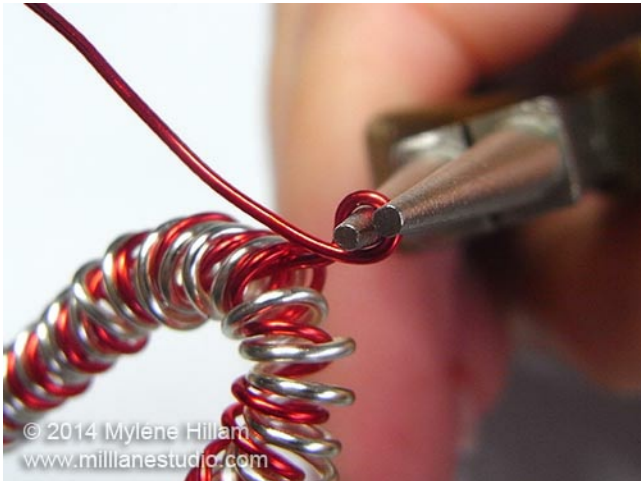


Trim away the excess red and silver wire at the end of the candy cane and the silver wire at the bottom.

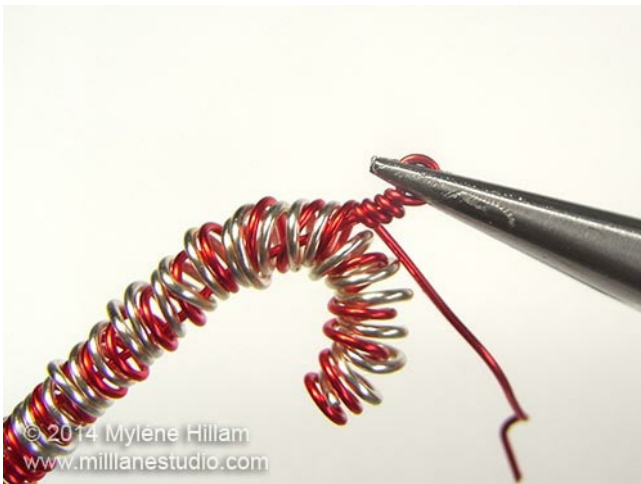


Pull the red wire all the way out at the top taking care not to kink the bottom coil.

Day 3 - Whimsical Candy Canes



Create a loop in the wire, leaving a small neck.....



..... and then wrap the tail two or three times around the neck.



Trim away the excess wire so that you have a neat finish. You may need to adjust the shape of the candy cane a little but it's best to do this once you have created a second candy cane so that they match.

Day 3 - Whimsical Candy Canes



String a bicone on a head pin and bend it at a 90° angle with the flat nose pliers. Using flat nose pliers allows you to get in closer to the bicone than with the chain nose pliers.



Trim the head pin to 1cm (3/8") and turn a simple loop. Repeat with the remaining bicones.



Open the jump ring and hook on the 5mm bicone, the candy cane and two 4mm bicones and the loop of the bow connector. Attach the other loop of the bow connector to the earring wire.

Create a second earring to match and then adjust the candy canes to the same shape and size. Play around with the angle that they hang at by bending the wrapped loop - whether they dangle at an angle or hang straight is up to you!

Day 4 - Bauble Earrings

Bauble Earrings

Today's Bauble Earrings are angels in disguise. The elegant frame holding the gorgeous Czech glass spindle beads is actually a pair of upturned angel wings. Take a look in your findings stash and see if you have other components that can do double duty like these wings - you'll be amazed at how different they can look.



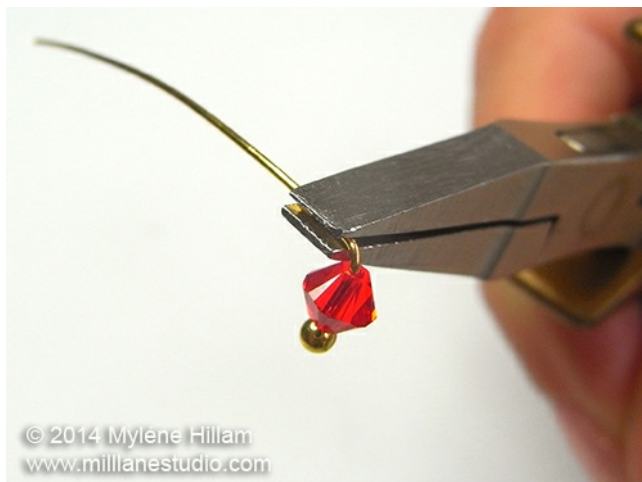
Day 4 - Bauble Earrings

Here's what you'll need:



- 4 x 40mm gold wings
- 2 x 20x40mm silver ovals
- 2 18x7mm red Czech glass spindle beads with Picasso finish
- 2 4mm Lt Siam Swarovski bicones
- 2 gold eye pins
- 2 gold ball head pins
- 2 4mm gold jump rings
- 2 gold earring wires

Tools: chain nose pliers, round nose pliers, flat nose pliers, flush cutters, 5-minute epoxy adhesive, tooth pick, wooden stir stick and a disposable plastic lid to mix the adhesive on.



String a bicone on a head pin and bend it at a 90° angle right as close to the bead as you can. Using flat nose pliers will help you get closer to the bead than chain nose pliers but take care not to chip the crystal.

Day 4 - Bauble Earrings



Trim the end to 8mm (5/16") and turn a simple loop.



String a pair of wings on the eye pin (right way up), a spindle bead and then another pair of wings (upside down) so they form a frame around the bead.



Use the flat nose pliers to bend the eye pin at a 90° angle above the wings, trim it to 8mm (5/16") and turn a simple loop.

Day 4 - Bauble Earrings



Open the loop of the bicone and hook it onto the loop of the ornament.



Mix up the 5-minute epoxy adhesive according to the package instructions and apply a small amount on the metal above and below the spindle bead.



Centre the oval on the adhesive and allow it to set. Apply adhesive on any other points where the oval touches the wings.

Day 4 - Bauble Earrings



Open the jump ring and hook on the bauble and the earring wire, making sure that the oval faces the back of the earring wire.

Make a second earring to match.

This is another really quick pair of earrings to put together and whilst they look festive at this time of the year, they are not so Christmasy that they can't be worn at other times of the year.

Day 5 - Jewel Trees

Jewel Tree Earrings

Are you ready to sparkle? On Day 5 I've combined two of my favourite jewellery making supplies: leather and crystals. Bling-a-bling-bling - these earrings definitely make a statement!



Day 5 - Jewel Trees

Here's what you'll need:



- Sizzix Leather trim piece, Metallic Gold
- Beadalon 7-Strand 0.018" Bead Stringing Wire, Silver Rose
- 2 x 6mm Amethyst Swarovski bicones
- 2 x 4mm Lt Siam Swarovski bicones
- 36 x Swarovski flat back crystals: 36 x Purple Velvet;
- 18 x Amethyst;
- 18 x Lt Siam
- 2 pink/gold iris finish teardrop beads
- 2 x 8x7mm gold basket bead caps
- 2 x gold crimp covers
- 6 Size #2 gold crimps

Tools: Scissors, Multi-hole leather jewellery punch, regular crimping pliers, Mighty Crimper, flush cutters, chain nose pliers, Create Your Style crystal Glue Pen, Fiebing's Leather Cement, Embellie Gellie tool, tooth pick, pen, ruler

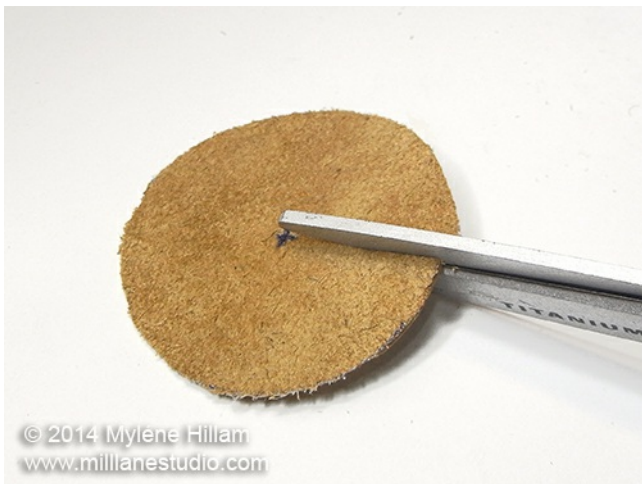


Trace a 5.5cm (2 1/8") circle on the leather. I used a leather spool which was just the right size. cut out the circle.

Day 5 - Jewel Trees



Find the centre of the circle using a centring ruler if you have one. If not line up the 2.25cm (7/8") mark on the left hand edge and the 7.75cm (3 1/16") mark on the right hand edge. Place a mark at 5cm (2"). Now do the same thing from the top to the bottom of the circle. Where the two points intersect is the centre of the circle.



Cut a slit from the edge of the leather to the centre.



Measure 3mm (1/8") out from the centre point and place a dot. Continue doing this all around the centre point to create a circle of dots.

Day 5 - Jewel Trees



Cut the circle out.



Place the circle on your workspace with the slit positioned at 6 o'clock. Place a dot 2mm (1/16") from the cut edge at 12 o'clock. Place marks at 3 o'clock and 9 o'clock. Place a mark 2mm (1/16") on either side of the slit.



Set the multi-hole punch to 1mm and punch each of the holes.

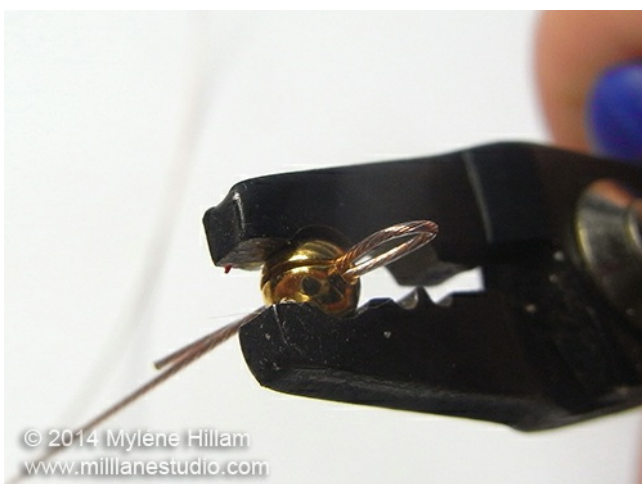
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Position the crystals evenly around the edge of the leather and when you're happy with their placement, pick them up one by one with the Embellie Gellie tool, place a small dot of adhesive and then reposition the crystal. Allow the adhesive to dry.



Cut 20cm (8") of beading wire. String on a crimp and insert the tail back through the crimp, creating a small loop. Crimp the beading wire.



Place a crimp cover over the crimp, position it in the jaws of the Mighty Crimper and close the seam around the crimp.

Day 5 - Jewel Trees



String a tear drop and another crimp tube. Crimp the crimp tube.



Insert the beading wire through the hole on the left hand side of the slit, from the back to the front. draw it up until the tear drop bead hangs partly below the edge of the circle.



Insert the beading wire through the next hole, once again from the back to the front, and pull it up to remove any slack in the wire. Continue in this way until all five holes have been threaded.

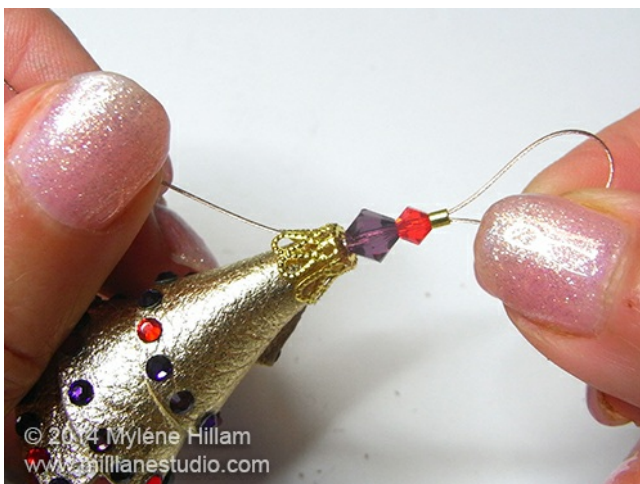
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Roll the circle of leather into a cone shape around your thumb.



Glue the edge of the slit to the cone by applying a thin layer of leather cement with a tooth pick and hold it in position for a minute or two until it dries. A thin layer of adhesive will grab much faster than a thick layer and will be much less messy.



String on a bead cap, the Amethyst bicone, a Light Siam bicone and a crimp tube. Insert the wire back through the crimp tube, beads and bead cap and pull it to form a small loop. Crimp the tube.

Day 5 - Jewel Trees



Trim away the excess beading wire. Open the loop of the earring wire and hook on the loop of the Christmas tree.

Trim away the loop below the crimp cover of the dangle as close as possible.

Make a second earring to match.

Day 6 - Golden Wire Wrapped Trees

Golden Wire Wrapped Tree Earrings

On the sixth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me.... a Golden, Wire Wrapped Tree!



Day 6 - Golden Wire Wrapped Trees

Here's what you'll need:



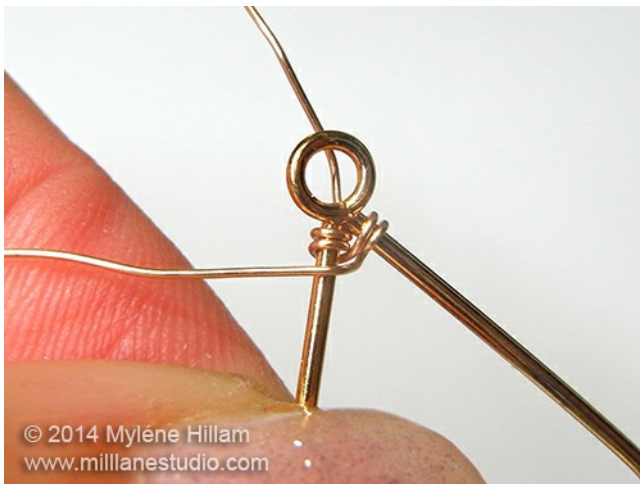
- Artistic Wire 26-Gauge Tarnish Resistant Gold Wire
- 2 gold triangular chandelier frames
- 2 x 11mm embossed silver star beads
- 2 x 6x8mm flat topped silver cones
- 2 x 6mm silver bead caps
- 2 x clear silicone earring stoppers
- 2 silver eye pins
- 2 gold head pins
- 2 gold earring wires

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

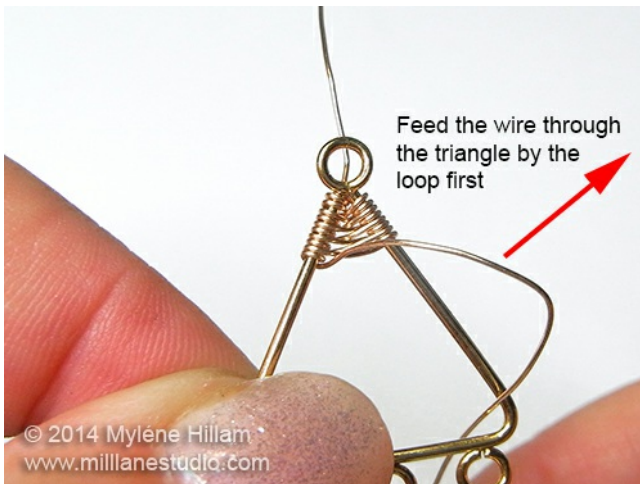


Leave a tail of approximately 2.5cm (1") and wrap the wire twice around the left arm of the triangle, just below the top loop,

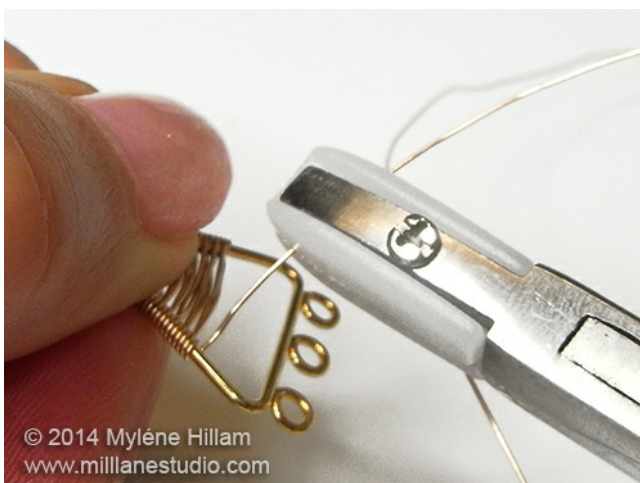
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Bring the wire to the back of the left hand arm and up through the middle. Wrap it twice around the right hand arm, keeping the wire taut. Bring the wire back up through middle and across to the left.

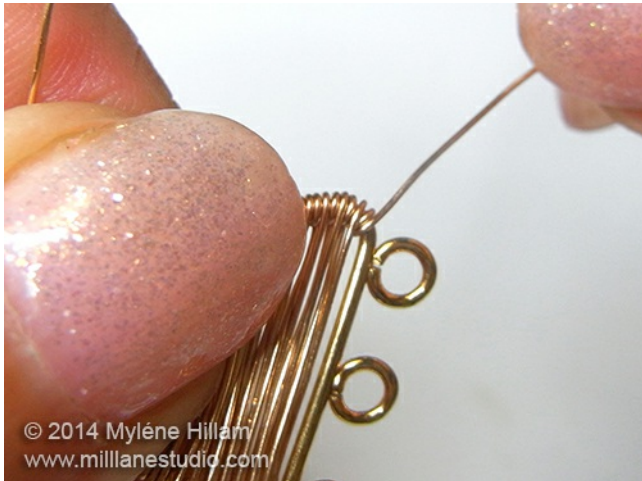


Continue wrapping the wire twice around each side and bringing the wire back up through the middle. To avoid kinks, instead of feeding the tail through the triangle first, push the wire near the wrap through first and keep pulling it until the tail comes through.



Run the wire through the nylon jaw pliers after every second wrap to keep it smooth and kink-free.

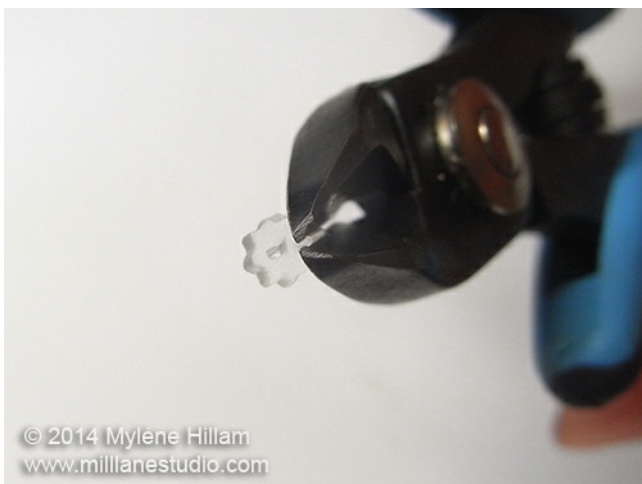
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When you've finished wrapping the wire across the triangle, wrap it two or three times around the bottom of the frame to secure it. Trim away the excess wire.

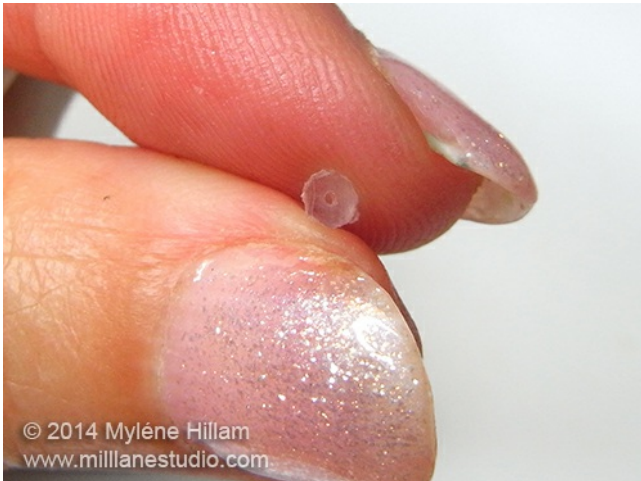


Trim away the excess wire at the top of triangle as close to the frame as you can.

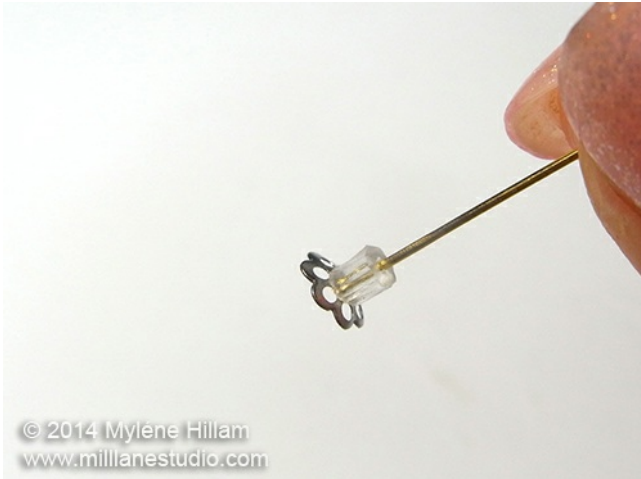


Trim away the ridges of the silicone earring stopper.

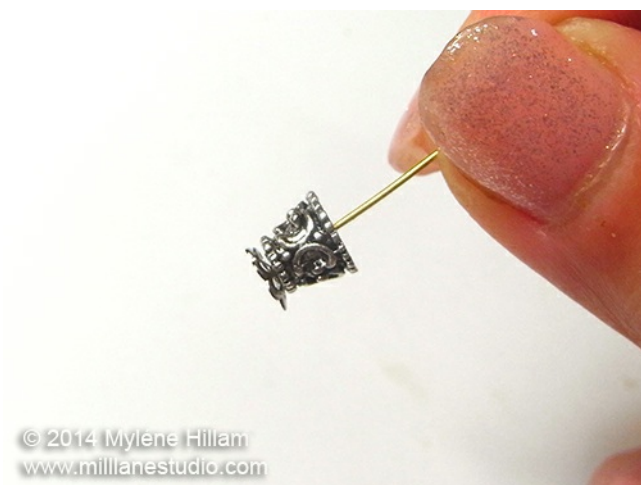
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Test it to see that it fits snugly inside the flat top cone. Make further adjustments if necessary.

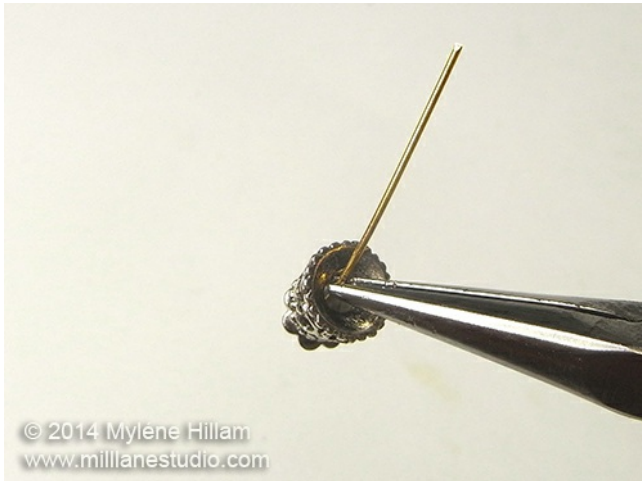


String the 6mm bead cap (upside down) and the earring stopper onto the head pin.



String the flat top cone over the earring stopper, narrow end first.

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Use chain nose pliers to bend the head pin at a 45° angle as close to the earring stopper as you can. It's a bit tricky to get right down into the cone, but bending the head pin as close as possible to the silicone will stop the tree base from wobbling around on the head pin.



Create three quarters of a simple loop....



.....and hook on the wire wrapped tree. Complete the loop, making sure it is securely closed and as close to the silicone earring stopper as possible.

Day 6 - Golden Wire Wrapped Trees



String the star on the eye pin. Turn a simple loop perpendicular to the loop on the eye loop.



Hook on the top loop of the wire tree. Attach the top loop of the star to the earring wire and then make a second earring to match.

Day 7 - Christmas Berries

Christmas Berry Earrings

Aren't these just gorgeous! Red berries are synonymous with Christmas in both the northern and southern hemispheres. And whilst there may not be any snow on the ground, holly to decorate the halls or mistletoe to kiss under in Australia, our Christmas berries come in the form of all the delicious summer berries that are available at this time of the year - such a treat!



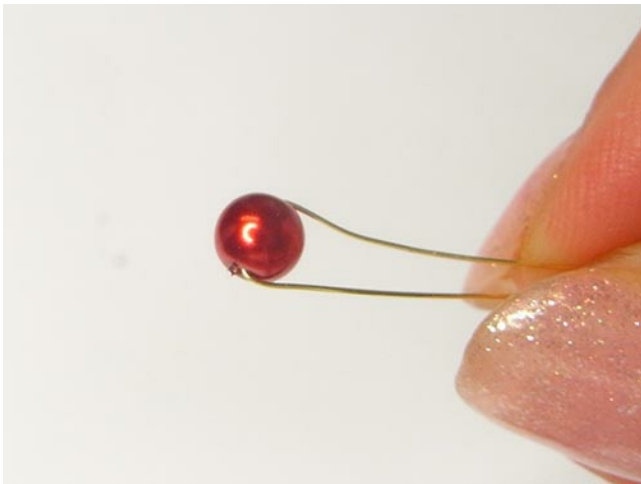
Day 7 - Christmas Berries

Here's what you'll need:



- 16 x 4mm red glass pearls
- 8 x 4mm Golden Flare Preciosa bicones
- 2 x 3mm gold spacer beads
- 28g gold wire
- 2 x 4-petal gold bead caps
- 2 x 10mm gold star bead caps
- 2 gold head pins
- 2 gold earring wires

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



Cut a 60cm (23.5") length of wire. Bend the wire 7.5cm (3") from one end and string on a bead from the long end and then bend the wire on the other side of the bead.



Bring the two wires together in the middle of the bead and pinch them together.

Day 7 - Christmas Berries



Hold the bead in your hand and twist it two or three times.

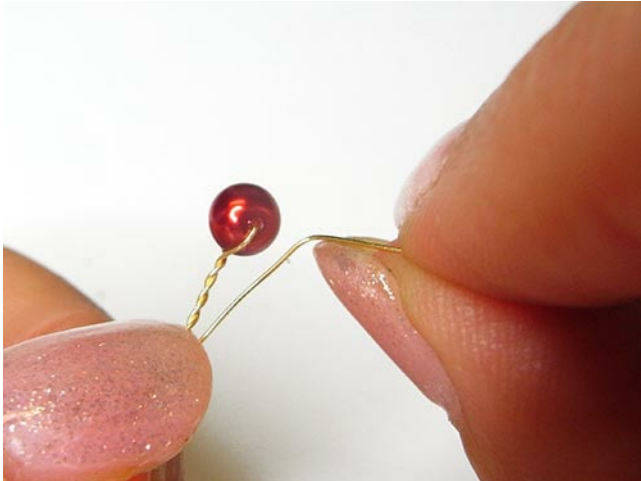


Hold the wire approximately 2cm (3/4") from the bead and twist the ends. This will be the end point for this wire.

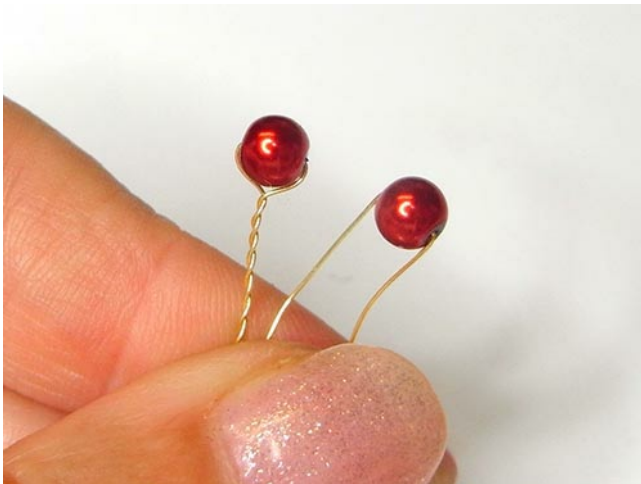


Finish the twist by holding the bead in one hand and the end point in the other and twist the wire evenly.

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Bend the wire at the end point and place it along the first bead. Bend it at the same point as the first bead.

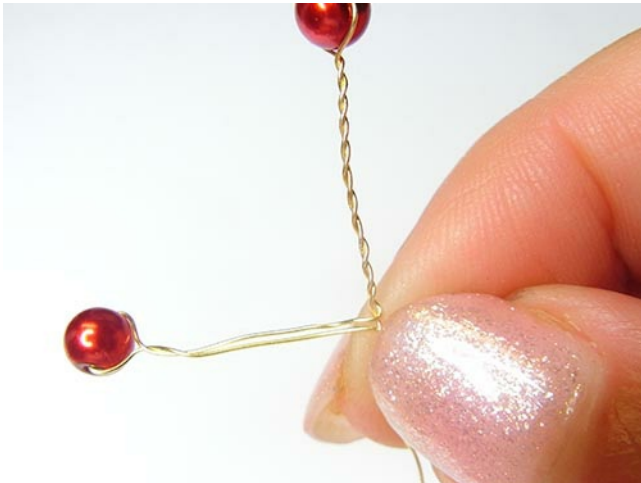


String another bead, slide it along the wire to the bend and bend the wire where it exits the bead.



Pinch the wires together as before and twist two or three times.

Day 7 - Christmas Berries



Hold the long wire against the end of the first twisted wire and twist the end point as before. Complete the twist. String and twist six more beads in the same manner, making some slightly shorter than the first two.



Gather the twisted wires into a neat bundle and wrap the long wire around them several times.



String the star bead cap and spacer bead onto the wires and then twist the wires together.

Day 7 - Christmas Berries



Use the chain nose pliers to create a neck just above the spacer bead.



Wrap the wire around the round nose pliers to create a loop.



Wrap the wire neatly around the neck to firm up all the components. Trim the wire close to the neck.

Day 7 - Christmas Berries



String four bicones on the eye pin and then bend it at a 90° angle.



Trim the end to 10mm (3/8") and then turn a simple loop.



Open the loop and attach the berry component. Attach the other end of the eye pin to the earring wire and make a second earring to match.

Day 8 - The Stars in the Night Sky

The Stars in the Night Sky Earrings

Today I'm reminded of the Three Wise Men who followed the star in the night sky to Bethlehem to find Jesus, the Newborn King. So Day 8's earrings are the Stars in the Night Sky - a curtain of twinkling stars that fall playfully at your neck.



Day 8 - The Stars in the Night Sky

Here's what you'll need:



- 10 x 6mm gold stars with loops
- 4 x 5mm Gold Star Beads
- 4 x 6mm silver star beads
- 2 x 11mm textured silver star beads
- 2 x 4mm clear Swarovski flatback crystals
- 4 x SS10 clear Swarovski flatback crystal
- 4 x SS6 clear Swarovski flatback crystal
- 2 x 5-loop gold end connectors
- 86 links 3x2mm fine gold necklace chain
- 10 4mm gold jump rings
- 4 gold head pins
- 4 silver ball head pins
- 2 earring wires

Tools: chain nose pliers, round nose pliers, flat nose pliers, flush cutters, Embellie Gellie tool, Create Your Style Crystal Glue pen



String the silver star beads on silver head pins and the gold star bead on a gold head pin. Bend each head pin at a 90° angle as close to the bead as you can, trim to 8mm (5/16") and turn a simple loop.

Day 8 - The Stars in the Night Sky



Separate the chain into two equal lengths and place one piece aside for the second earring. Separate the remaining chain into the following lengths: 1 x 2 links; 1 x 3 links; 2 x 4 links; 1 x 5 links; 1 x 7 links; 1 x 8 links and 1 x 10 links.

Attach them as follows:

- Gold stars with loops - attach one star to the 2-link chain and one star to each of the 4-link chains;
- Gold star beads - attach one to the 3-link chain and one to the 7-link chain;
- 6mm silver star beads - attach one to the 5-link chain and one to the 8-link chain;
- 11mm silver star bead - attach to the 10-link chain



The two remaining gold stars with loops are not attached to chain. Lay the chains out using the photograph as a guide.

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Attach the pairs of components to the multi-strand end connector with a jump ring, making sure that the gold stars with loops always sit at the front.



The end connector should look like this once all the chains have been attached.



Pick up the largest crystal with the Embellie Gellie tool and apply a small amount of adhesive to the back.

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Position the crystal in the middle of the end connector. Attach the smallest crystals on the left and right hand edges and the medium crystals in between.



Attach the earring wire to the top loop of the end connector and then make a second earring to match.

Day 9 - O, Christmas Tree

O, Christmas Tree Earrings

Filled with glowing red beads and edged with sparkling gold crystals, these are statement earrings for those who dare to be bold - they measure a neck-tickling 7cm (2 3/4") from the top of the earwire to the bottom of the basket.



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Here's what you'll need:



- 2 x 35x81 Antique Copper Brass Filigree Diamond
- 2 x 20x25mm copper electroplated transparent red Christmas tree beads
- 2 x 9.5x10mm ruby table cut electroplated beads (Bead Gallery from Michael's)
- 24 x 6mm Aurum Preciosa bicones
- 2 x 10x8mm brass or gold filigree basket bead caps
- 2 x 5mm Gold Star beads
- 2 x 4mm gold cube beads
- 28 gauge gold wire
- 2 x gold eye pins
- 2 x gold head pins
- 2 x brass or gold eye pins
- 2 brass or gold ear wires

Tools: chain nose pliers, round nose pliers, Vintaj bail making pliers, Beadalon nylon jaw pliers, flush cutters, drill with 1mm drill bit or a metal punch, block of wood



Place the filigree on the block of wood and drill (or punch) a hole in the centre.

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Place the narrow jaw of the bail making pliers in the centre of the filigree and bend both sides down. Try to keep the two halves aligned.



Finish the shaping with round nose pliers to make the base narrower.



It should look like this when finished.

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Insert the brass (or gold) eye pin through the bottom of the filigree and string the two red beads.



Centre them in the Christmas tree and then bend the eye pin at a 90° angle over the top of the filigree.

Then bend it so that it sits flush against the filigree to keep it out of the way whilst you complete the next step.



Cut 50cm (20") wire and insert the wire from the inside first, through the hole closest to the bend in the filigree. Wrap the wire three or four times around the edge.

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String on a bicone and then insert the wire through the corresponding hole on the other side of the filigree, from the inside out. Take care not to kink the wire as you feed it through.



Feed the wire back through to the first side again (from the inside), taking care not to kink it or break it. All your wraps will be over the outside edge first, through the middle of the two filigrees and then outside through the corresponding hole (from the inside). Continue adding beads on every second pass until you have added six beads.



Straighten the wire by running it through the nylon jaw pliers from time to time.

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After the sixth bead has been added, bend the tail of the eye pin back to 90° and wrap the wire around it two or three times to anchor the eye pin.



Turn a simple loop on the eye pin.



Continue wrapping the wire around the filigree, adding beads to every second pass. Once six beads have been added, wrap the wire around the last hole three or four times to secure it.

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Trim both end wires close to the filigree.



String the bead cap and cube on the head pin. Bend the head pin at a 90° angle as close to the cube as you can. Trim to 8mm (5/16").



Turn a small simple loop.

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Open the eye pin at the bottom of the Christmas tree and attach the basket.



String the star bead on the gold eye pin, trim and turn a simple loop.



Open the earring wire and attach the star. Make a second earring to match.

Day 10 - Snowflakes

Snowflake Earrings

These lovely lacey snowflake earrings look a little bit like filigree when you're wearing them but they are a bit on the challenging side because of the detail. Making them is fiddly but if you've got a few hours up your sleeve and you have the patience, they are well worth the effort.



Day 10 - Snowflakes

Here's what you'll need:



- Artistic Wire 28-Gauge Tarnish Resistant - Silver
- 2 x 5mm crystal Swarovski bicones
- 24 x 4mm Preciosa Crystal AB bicones
- 24 x 2.5mm Swarovski Crystal AB bicones
- 2 x 8mm silver rings with internal diameter of 6mm (feelinginspired.com.au)
- 2 x 4mm silver jump rings
- 12 links of 3x2mm silver oval cable chain
- 2 silver earring wires

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

Tip: Take care not to overtwist the wire in this project - 28 gauge wire is easily broken if it's overworked. If it should happen to break, end the wire off by wrapping it around the ring a couple of times to secure it. Then start with a new wire and anchor it the same way.



Cut 1m (39") wire. Leave a 7.5cm (3") tail and wrap the wire around the ring twice to secure it. The wire wrap should start and finish on top.

Day 10 - Snowflakes



String the 5mm crystal and wrap it twice around the opposite side of the ring.



Bend the wire 10mm (3/8") from the ring and string on a 4mm bicone. For a symmetrical snowflake, measure the length of this long stem on each of the six stems as you create.

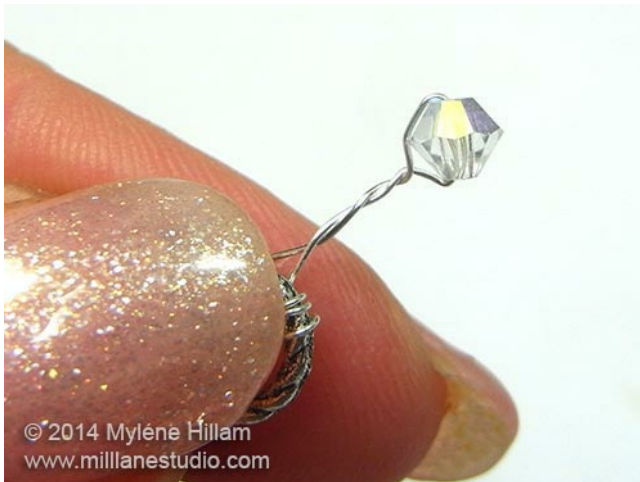


Push the bead up to the bend in the wire and bend it where it exits from the bead.

Day 10 - Snowflakes



Bend the wires so that they follow the contour of the bead and pinch them together. Whilst still pinching with one hand, twist with the other to start the twist.



After one or two twists it will look something like this. Hold the two wires together on this "stem" where you want the twist to stop. I made it about 4mm (1/6") from the ring - and continue twisting it. This will tighten the twist.



It should look like this.

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String a 2.5mm crystal and position it at the same height as the 4mm crystal. Bend the wire on both sides of it and then pinch them together as before. Hold the two wires together at the point where the twisted wire of the first bead ends.



Twist the wires together.



String another 2.5mm bead as before and twist it into position on the other side of the first bead.

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Twist the wires together on the last 2mm of the stem and then wrap the wire around the ring twice to anchor the stem in position.



Add a 4mm bicone to the wire. Position it so that the hole sits at the point where the twist of the 2.5mm bicone on the first stem begins. Pinch and twist as before. Wrap the wire around the ring twice and continue adding beads in this pattern until you have added six long stems and six short stems.



Tip: If you are finding it a bit fiddly to pinch the wires, use chain nose pliers to grip them and then twist!

Day 10 - Snowflakes



Make sure you have anchored the wire and then return the wire back to the starting point but making sure it is on the opposite face of the ring.



Twist the two wires together.



Use chain nose pliers to create a neck.

Day 10 - Snowflakes



Create a loop.....



and wrap the wire around the neck two or three times to secure. Trim away the excess wire - just take care not to cut the wrong wire!



Separate the chain into two 6-link lengths and set one aside for the second earring. Open the jump ring and hook on the snowflake and the chain. Make a second earring to match.

Day 11 - Putting on the Glitz!

Putting on the Glitz Earrings

If you're rushed for time but still need something glam for the festive season, try these sleek and modern teardrop shaped earrings. These would be great for a swanky New Year's Eve celebration.



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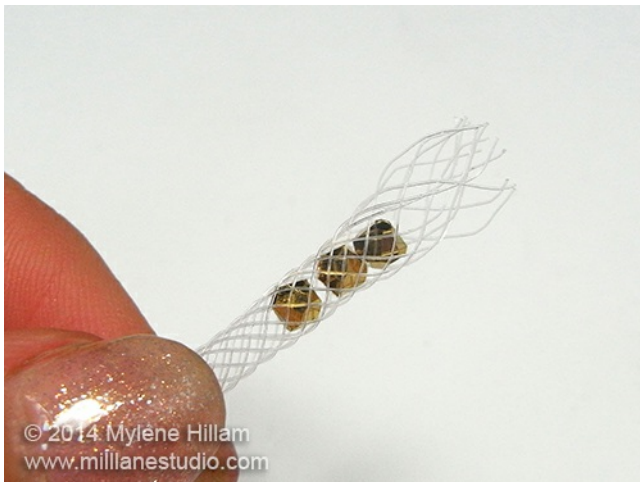
Here's what you'll need:



- 14 4mm Preciosa Aurum bicones
- 20 4mm Preciosa AB Crystal bicones
- 2 gold filigree 4-petal bead caps 17x12mm
- 4mm white mesh tubing
- 2 gold foldover cord ends
- 2 gold head pins
- 2 gold earring wires

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

Tip: Nylon mesh tubing will fray a little as you work with it so always allow a little more than you need for your project.



Cut an 11cm (4 3/8") piece of mesh tubing and insert three Aurum bicones into the opening.

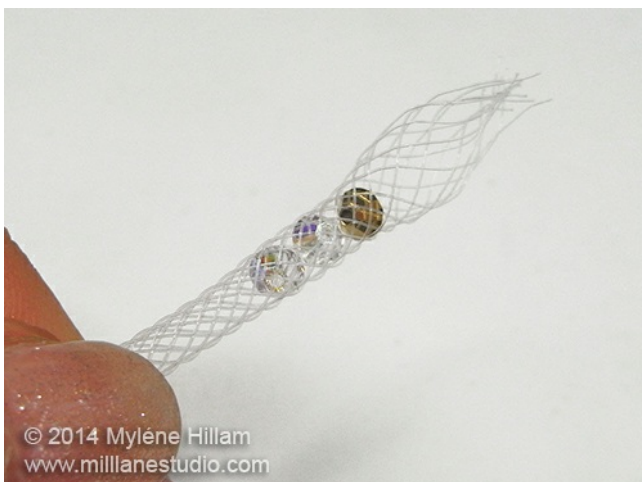
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Hold the tubing half way along with one hand and the bead end with the other. Push your hands together to compress the mesh and the beads will move down the tube.



Centre them in the mesh.



Insert two AB bicones and one Aurum bicone and move them along to the centre beads.

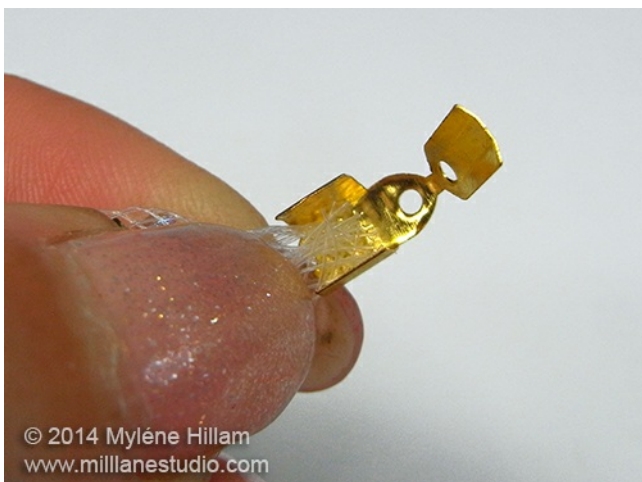
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Repeat on the other side of the tube.

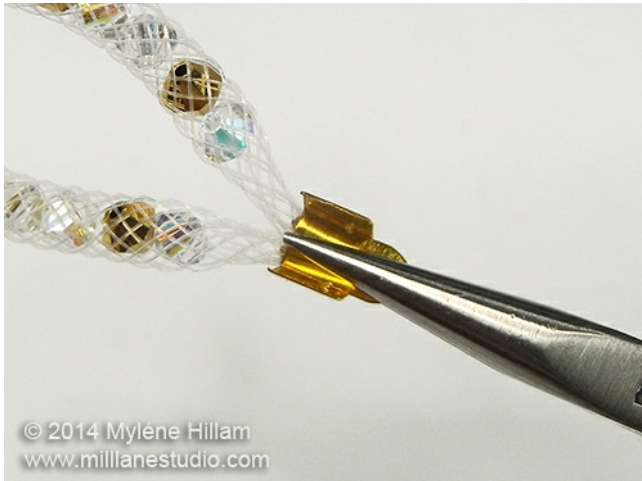


Insert two more AB beads, one more Aurum bead and another AB crystal into each end of the tube. Line up the two end crystals in the tube and trim the mesh to 10mm (3/8").

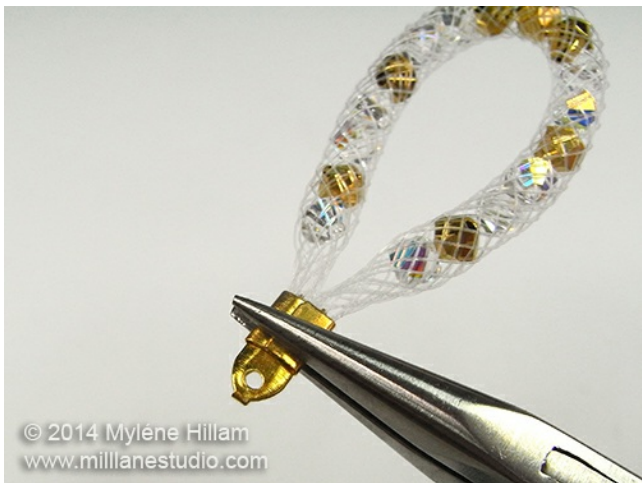


Lay the two ends in the foldover cord end, side by side.

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Fold the flap down and hold it in position with the chain nose pliers. Fold the two side flaps towards the centre.



Flatten the flaps with the chain nose pliers to make sure the mesh is secure.



Open the loop of the eye pin and hook it through the hole of the foldover cord end.

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String on the bead cap. Grip the eye pin above the bead cap and bend it at a 90° angle above the pliers to create a neck.



Use the round nose pliers to create a loop then wrap the tail around the neck to complete the wrapped loop. Trim the excess close to the neck.

Attach the loop to the earring wire and then make a second earring to match.

Day 12 - Have Heart, Have Faith

Have Faith, Have Heart Earrings

As December approaches and we get caught up in the hustle and bustle of Christmas, try to take a few moments to remember the reason for the season: the birth of Jesus Christ.

With that in mind, I have chosen a heart motif made up of two angels wings, "stitched" together with love, along with a word spacer to convey the message, "Have Heart, Have Faith" and spread goodwill amongst all people.



Day 12 - Have Heart, Have Faith

Here's what you'll need:



- 4 x 9x24mm silver angel wing charms
- 2 x 6mm Swarovski Siam Bicone Beads
- 2 x 6x26mm silver Faith spacers
- 2 25 x 12mm silver end connectors
- 16 x 4mm silver jump rings
- 4 x 6mm silver jump rings
- 4x 6x7mm silver oval jump rings
- 4x 4x6mm silver oval jump rings
- 2 silver earring wires

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

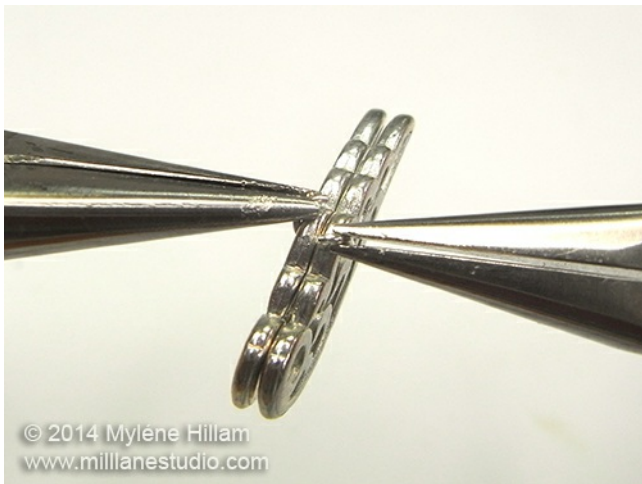


String the crystal on a head pin and bend it at a 90° angle just above the bead with flat nose pliers. Take care not to chip the crystal.

Day 12 - Have Heart, Have Faith



Trim the end to 10mm (3/8") and turn a simple loop.



Place the two angel wings together, count down three holes and connect these two together with a 4mm jump ring.



Connect the two fourth holes together with a 4mm jump ring. You may need to open the wings to do this.

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Connect the fifth pair of holes together in the same way.



Attach a 4mm jump ring to each of the two wing tips.



Hook the crystal onto a 4mm jump ring and then hook the jump ring through the two wing-tip jump rings.

Day 12 - Have Heart, Have Faith



Attach a 6mm jump ring to the top hole of each wing.



Attach a 4.6mm jump ring to each of the two holes in the faith spacer.



Open the 6mm jump rings on the top of the wings and hook on the oval jump rings.

Day 12 - Have Heart, Have Faith



Hook another oval jump ring through each of the holes spacer so that they sit above the spacer.



Attach the connector to the spacer with a 6mm jump ring on either side.



Open the loop of the earring wire and hook it through the top loop of the connector. Make a second earring to match.

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