



O' Christmas Tree Earrings

O' Christmas Tree, O' Christmas Tree, much pleasure doth thou bring me.

Bring that joy to your ears by making Christmas tree earrings out of Swarovski Crystals! Make these great Earrings using simple wirework techniques in just minutes! They are perfect for holiday hostess gifts, stocking stuffers, or a wonderful gift exchange present.

Materials:

- 1 pair Sterling ear wires
- 2 Sterling headpins 22g
- 2 Red 3mm Swarovski Bicone
- 2 Erinite 4mm Swarovski bicone
- 2 Erinite 6mm Swarovski 5040 's
- 2 Erinite 8mm Swarovski 5040 's
- 2 Smokey Topaz 4mm Swarovski Bicone

Tools:

- Needle nose pliers
- Round nose pliers
- Side cutter

To make your earrings:

Step One: Stack your beads on the headpin as shown in the project picture, then make one of the following loops.

Step Two: The earrings shown are using the simple loop; this loop is one of the foundation techniques in wirework. It is perfect for simple, quick earrings, and other projects that don't get a lot of wear and tear

Simple Loop: Using your needle nose pliers make a 90° angle at the top of the beads, and then trim to about 3/8". Grip the very end of the wire with your round nose pliers and "roll" the wire (not pull) towards the beads ending the loop at the angle.



The wrapped loop is great for projects that may have more weight, or you want to be a little more secure. I know the girls at the store prefer this loop for the security and aesthetics.

Wrapped Loop: Grip the wire with the very tip of your needle nose pliers tight to the beads. With your thumb make a 90° angle above the pliers, this will leave a space for your wrap. Grip the angle at 45° with your round nose pliers. Wrap the tail of the wire up and over to form a loop. You will need to reposition your pliers to finish the loop with the remaining tail overlapping the angle. This will allow the tail to be wrapped down to the beads. Clip the remaining wire.



Step Three: Once you have formed the loop above the beads you will need to attach it to the ear wire. Open the ear wire to the side, hook the loop on it, then bend back closed.

Materials Cost Breakdown: (If Purchased at the Bead Cache)

Sterling ear wires \$ 2.20
22g Sterling headpins \$1.30
Red 3mm Swarovski Bicone \$ 0.30

Erinite 4mm Swarovski Bicone \$ \$0.30
Erinite 6mm Swarovski 5040s \$1.70

Erinite 8mm Swarovski 5040s \$2.70
Smokey Topaz 4mm Swarovski Bicone \$ 0.30

Total: \$8.80

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