



Handy Hints

Crocheted beaded wire earrings

To make a pair of earrings you will need: 3, 4 or 5mm crochet hook, saucer for beads, about 20 beads in different sizes and colours, 1-2m 26 gauge beading wire, 2 findings for earrings, old scissors or small pliers to cut wire.

1. Thread half the beads randomly onto the wire. Make a loose knot at one end of wire, so beads won't fall off. Small beads can be in groups of 2-5.
2. Leaving a tail of about 10cm of wire, start crochet by making a slip loop. Don't pull the slip loop too tight.
3. Slide the first bead up the wire as far as possible, so it touches the slip loop.
4. Make a chain stitch by passing the hook under the wire, and draw the wire through the loop already on the hook. The stitch encloses the bead.
5. Slide up the next bead (or group) and repeat as in 3 and 4 above. Tension should be loose, uneven. Continue until the chain is about 10cm long.
6. Twist the chain however you please, so that at least one end of the wire is loose to attach to an earring finding. You may want to do a few more stitches, but it's not easy to pull stitches out!
7. Cut the wire about 5cm from the hook, remove the hook, feed the loose end through the loop and pull tight.
8. Attach the loose ends of the wire to the earring; thread through the loop in the earring, and twist firmly twice around itself. Weave the loose ends into the wire and beads a few cm, and then cut off the excess. Check for points which might scratch or catch.
9. Make another earring to match.

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