

# Silken knots

## tie up Asian style

Capturing the spirit of the East is simple with this necklace-and-earring set



**1 necklace** • Fold three silk ribbons in half and string the ends through a donut pendant. Pull the ribbons through the resulting loop.



**2** On each side of the pendant, string a large-hole bead on each ribbon. Tie an overhand knot (Basics, p. 106) with all three ribbons. Repeat the pattern twice.



**3** Determine the finished length of your necklace. (Mine is 17 in./43cm.)

Cut a 4-in. (10cm) piece of 22-gauge wire. Make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basics). String one set of ribbons through the loop, positioning the loop within 2 in. (5cm) of the desired finished length. Repeat on the other side.



**5** On each end, string a cone over the wire stem and make the first half of a wrapped loop.



**6** On a head pin, string a 5mm bead. Make the first half of a wrapped loop. Attach a 2-in. (5cm) chain and complete the wraps.

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A delicately engraved donut and knotted silk ribbons form the basis of a subtle, exotic jewelry set. Try different color choices to change the mood.



**4** On each side, tightly wrap the wire tail around the ribbons. Trim the ribbons ¼ in. (6mm) from the wraps and apply Dritz Fray Check to the ends.







**7** On one end, string the chain extender and complete the wraps. Repeat on the other end, substituting an S-hook clasp for the chain extender.

## SupplyList

### necklace

- 40mm engraved donut pendant (Eclectica, 262-641-0910)
- 18 8–10mm large-hole, faceted round beads (Eclectica)
- 5mm round bead
- 8 in. (20cm) 22-gauge half-hard wire
- 3 18–22-in. (46–56cm) silk ribbons (Eclectica)
- 2 in. (5cm) chain, 4–5mm links
- 1½-in. (3.8cm) head pin
- 2 12mm cones
- S-hook clasp

- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters
- Dritz Fray Check

### earrings

- 2 10mm large-hole, faceted round beads (Eclectica, 262-641-0910)
- 6 in. (15cm) 24-gauge half-hard wire
- 7 in. (18cm) silk ribbon (Eclectica)
- 2 12mm cones
- pair of earring wires
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters
- Dritz Fray Check

### EDITOR'S TIP

Consider using large-hole silver spacers instead of faceted beads for greater visual contrast.



**1** **earrings** • Cut a 3½-in. (8.9cm) piece of silk ribbon. Center a bead on the ribbon.



**2** Cut a 3-in. (7.6cm) piece of 22-gauge wire. Make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 106). String the ribbon ends through the loop. Tightly wrap the wire tail around the ribbons. Trim the ends ¼ in. (3mm) from the wraps and apply Dritz Fray Check to the ends.



**3** String a cone on the wire. Make a wrapped loop.



**4** Open the loop of an earring wire (Basics). Attach the dangle and close the loop. Make a second earring to match the first. ❖

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