

HOOP-LA!

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These pearly wire-wrapped hoop earrings couldn't be simpler, and they're a great way to use leftover beads. The variations you can create with drilled hoops are endless, and we've shown just a few here to inspire you.



MATERIALS

- 2 white 7×9mm vertically drilled potato pearls
- 4 silver-gray 8×6mm horizontally drilled potato pearls
- 2 sterling silver 28×30mm 3-hole earring hoops
- 6 sterling silver 2" ball-end head pins

TOOLS

- Wire cutters
- Flat-nosed or chain-nosed pliers
- Round-nosed pliers

FINISHED SIZE: 2"

- 1: Use 1 head pin to string 1 silver-gray pearl. Leaving 3–4mm exposed wire on top of the pearl, form a slightly "messy" wrapped loop (wrap at least 4 times or more) that attaches to 1 outer hole of 1 hoop.
- 2: Use 1 head pin to string 1 white pearl. Leaving a 5mm of exposed wire on top of the pearl, form a slightly "messy" wrapped loop that attaches to the middle hole of the hoop.
- 3: Repeat Step 1 to attach 1 dangle to the remaining hole in the hoop.
- 4: Repeat Steps 1–3 for second earring. ♻️



Variations—These are just a few of the endless possibilities!

Resources: Contact your local bead shop or order from the suppliers that follow.

Three-hole ear hoop (similar versions): Nina Designs, (800) 336-6462, www.ninadesigns.com, or Fire Mountain Gems and Beads, (800) 355-2137, www.firemountaingems.com.