



Wire Wrap Earrings

Using lightweight sterling wire and Swarovski® beads, you can create colorful wire-wrapped hoops—in any shape and size!

steps:

1. Using **Swanstrom super-flush cutters**, cut the 12" length of **20-ga. sterling wire** into two 6" lengths (a 6" length will yield a 2" diameter hoop).
2. To form the locking mechanism, form a loop on one end of the wire using the **Swanstrom chain-nose pliers**. Gently bend the loop in the opposite direction to center it. On the other end of the wire, use the chain-nose pliers to form a hook. Once both ends are formed, grip each end with a pair of pliers and try hooking them together; if the loop and hook don't align, gently adjust them until you can successfully hook them together.
3. Using super-flush cutters, cut the **26-ga. sterling wire** into two 2-foot lengths. **Tip:** Loosely coil one end of the wire length to make handling it a bit easier.
4. Pre-string 20–22 **Swarovski® faceted tapered beads** onto the wire. Using the **Swanstrom round-nose pliers**, make a loop on the straight end of the beaded wire and hook the loop onto the hoop earring, sliding it all the way to one end of the hoop.
5. Use the chain-nose pliers to firmly hold the loop in place on the hoop earring. Begin wrapping the wire around the wire hoop by hand, as tightly and evenly as possible, leaving no space between the wraps. Use your fingertip to push each new wrap snugly against the previous one. Wrap around the wire hoop about 10 times (approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ ").
6. Slide one bead up against the wrapped wire, then wrap the wire around 3–4 more times. Slide another bead along, then wrap the wire around 3–4 times. Repeat until you've made your way around the hoop. Make sure to leave enough room at the end to wrap around 10 times ($\frac{1}{4}$ ") as you did on the other side.
7. Snip off any remaining wire, then tuck the end back into the wrap.
8. Gently hand-shape and smooth out the hoop. Repeat steps 2–8 for the second earring.

supplies:

Description

Sterling round wire, 20 ga., $\frac{1}{2}$ -hard
 Sterling round wire, 26 ga.
 Swarovski® faceted tapered bead, 5mm, Erinite
 Swanstrom super-flush cutters
 Swanstrom chain-nose pliers
 Swanstrom round-nose pliers

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