



"Squared" Earrings



Supplies Needed

- 2-15mm triangle metal component with a hole through it
- Assorted copper beads
- 4-4mm crystals
- 2- 3'- 18 gauge copper wire (Pendant)
- 6' piece - 26 or 28 gauge copper wire
- headpins, earring findings

Tools Needed

- Round pliers
- Pair of smooth flat pliers, no teeth
- Finger wrap (optional)
- Fine tipped marker
- Ruler
- Wire cutters
- Liver of Sulphur & 0000 steel wool, metal brush (optional)

We'll be doing the 4:2 weave for this project. Find centre on your 18g wire with a ruler. Mark the centre with a marker. Using flat nosed pliers, bend both wires at a 90 degree angle. This is called your Base Wire (BW)

Fold the 26 gauge wire, Weaving Wire (WW) in half and cut it. Each 1/2 is used for each earring.

With one of your headpins, feed the end through the first hole at the point of the triangle and put a 3mm copper bead, 4mm Crystal then another 3mm bead. Push the headpin through the last hole. Make a loop on the top. Repeat for other earring. Line up the point of the triangle with the point of the BW. (Pic 1)

MAKE SURE, AS YOU WORK, CONSTANTLY PUSH YOUR WEAVE BACK AGAINST ITSELF TO KEEP IT NICE & TIGHT.

Fold each WW in half, one will be used for each earring. Starting at the centre of your WW, make 4 wraps around the corner of the triangle frame. (TF) Use other side of WW to make four wraps on the other side of the centre. (Pic 2)

Add the "V" shaped BW below the corner of the TF.

Wrap the TF the BW together 2 times. This is where the 4:2 pattern repeats. (Pic 3)

Repeat 4:2 weave a total of 2 times. (pic 3)

Continue to wrap the TF with a single wrap on both sides of the triangle until you reach the top. Wrap both ends of the WW around the loop and cut off.

Arch both sides of the BW into the centre and back out to make an arch. (Pic 5)

Grab the tip of the BW with a pair of pliers and make a loop back toward the centre on both sides. Trim off any excess BW. (Pic 5)

Add a copper bead and crystal to a head pin and dangle it from the bottom of the "V" shape. (It's easier to attach it from the back) Complete 2nd earring.





All you have left to do is antique it. Use Liver of Sulphur and kettle hot water. Dip piece in until it's black. Scrub off excess antiquing with 0000 steel wool. Using a small metal brush, brush your weaves to remove any steel wool fibres that may have gotten trapped during cleaning. The brush will also start the polishing step. With your piece still wet, rub hard with a polishing cloth to dry and polish it at the same time. Have fun, you can make this piece a million different ways. Always remember you're never wrong when you weave, so have fun.



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