

Crescent Moon Filigree Earrings by Pat

These delicate filigree earrings are simply made with looped head and eyepins and three colours of crystal bicones.

If you have not made earrings before take a look at the 'Loops and Linking' download from the Techniques page before you start so that you can perfect the technique and make really beautiful loops on your earrings



Recipe

1 pair FN001 fishhook ear wires
20 x FN014 silver eyepins
8 x FN016 silver headpins
2 x MB824 Crescent moon filigrees
10 x CB442 Sapphire 4mm bicones
10 x CBX415 Teal 4mm bicones
8 x CB441 Pale blue 4mm bicones

How to do it

- (1) Thread one sapphire bicone onto a headpin, trim and loop; attach an eyepin to this loop, thread one teal bicone on, trim and loop; onto this loop attach another eyepin, thread on one light sapphire bicone, trim and loop.
- (2) Make seven more of these link strands
- (3) Attach all of these link chains to the links on the curve side of the moon filigrees using 4mm jumprings.
- (4) Thread one teal bicone onto an eyepin, trim and loop; repeat with one sapphire bicone. Attach these to the top edge of one moon filigree using 4mm jumprings and bring together using one more 4mm jumpring to join them and attach to the ear fitting
- (5) Repeat the last step to complete the other earring

Taking it Further

To make a simple pendant necklace to go with your earrings, simply make one more earring up to step (3) above. Then, as in step (4), attach another crystal link to each of the top links (you may wish to make them both the same colour for the necklace rather than two different colours).

There are now two ways you could turn this into a necklace.

(1) bring the two crystals together with a jumpring as in the earring, but use a larger jumpring, 6mm or 7mm, so that you can thread a chain through it

OR

(2) Instead of joining the new crystal links together at the top, attach a length of chain to each of them to complete the necklace. As an alternative to a straight strand of chain running round to the fastener you could cut it into smaller lengths interspersed with crystal links, or even make a fully linked crystal chain all the way round.