

Flower Loop Earrings - Using simple filigrees in designs

Three earring designs that all make use of a pretty flower shaped filigree link but in very different ways



Nina's Purple Flower Earrings (left)

Ingredients

2 x FN016 gold headpins
4 x MB003 3mm gold metal beads (A)
2 x MB058 purple metal flower beads (B)
2 x MB661 10mm pressed metal flowers
Pair of FN006 small fishhook earwires

To Make

On a headpin thread 1A, 1B, 1A.
Trim and make a broad loop at the end, picking up two of the openwork loops on one of the gold flowers in the loop.
Attach an earwire to the other side of the gold flower.
Repeat to make the other earring.

Louisa's Floral Drops (right)

Ingredients

2 x FN016 gold headpins
4 x FN014 gold eyepins
8 x FN141 4mm gold jumprings
4 x MB661 10mm pressed metal flowers
6 x FG435 4mm purple AB facets (A)
Pair of FN006 small fishhook earwires



To Make

Onto a headpin thread 1A, trim and loop. Call this 'Y'.
Onto an eyepin thread on 1A, trim and loop. Call this 'Z'.
Repeat the last step to make one more 'Z'.
Open the loop on one fishhook and attach one of the flower filigrees.
Using jumprings attach the two 'Z' links just made to the bottom two links of the filigree flower just added.
Below the 'Z' links use a further two jump rings to attach them to another flower filigree.
Finally, attach the 'Y' drop to the bottom of this filigree to complete the earring. Repeat to make the other earring.



Erka's Spring Flowers (left)

Ingredients

10 x FN014 gold eyepins
2 x FN016 gold headpins
6cm fine trace chain - either FN130 or FN131
2 x FN054 3 row gold spacer bar
Pair FN006 small fishhook earwires
24 x MB002 2mm gold metal beads (A)
8 x MB661 10mm pressed metal flowers
6 x FG436 4mm pale blue AB facet (B)
2 x FN141 4mm gold jumprings

If you have not made earrings before you will find the 'Loops and Linking' download on the Techniques page helpful so that you can learn about loops and, with a little practice, make perfect results every time

To Make

- 1 Cut two lengths of chain each 1.5cm long. Using a 4mm jump ring pick up both of these chain lengths and attach to the loop on a fishhook.
- 2 Open the loop on an eyepin and attach the end of one of these chain lengths, now pick up 1A, take the pin through one of the end holes on the spacer bar, thread on 1A, trim and loop.
- 3 Repeat step (2) attaching the other chain length attached in (1) to the other end of the spacer bar.
- 4 Open an eyepin loop and attach a filigree flower. Close the loop then thread 1A, 1B, 1A. Trim and loop. Make 2 more links the same. Call these 'Z'.
- 5 Onto a headpin thread 1A, take the headpin down through the central hole on the spacer bar, thread on 1A, trim and loop. Attach a filigree flower to the loop just formed and attach one of the 'Z' drops made in step (4) to one of the lower petals of the flower.
- 6 Attach the remaining two 'Z' drops to the loops created beneath each end of the spacer bar when the chain was attached. Repeat to make the other earring.