

## Jolie Earrings

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These little earrings were designed to complement my Lagoon bracelet, as seen in the December 2014 issue of Digital Beading Australia. These are petite, cute, quick and easy to make. These can be made to match all your outfits!

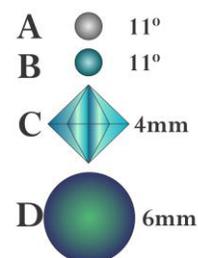
The use of the Wire Guardian findings makes the earrings swing really nicely and freely for extra movement. You can also switch the beads around! Try using crystals in place of the pearls, and pearls in place of the crystals.

Enjoy, with my compliments. ~Val



### Materials and Tools List

- 10 - 4mm Swarovski Crystal bicones
- 4 - 6mm glass pearls
- A small amount of size 11/0 seed beads, Color A
- A small amount of size 11/0 seed beads, Color B
- 2 - Wire Guardian findings
- 2 - Ear wire findings
- Size 10 or 12 beading needle.
- 6lb to 8lb test beading thread. Fireline in Smoke or Crystal is highly recommended.
- A bead mat, bead tray, scissors, a bead reamer and a thread burner are helpful tools.

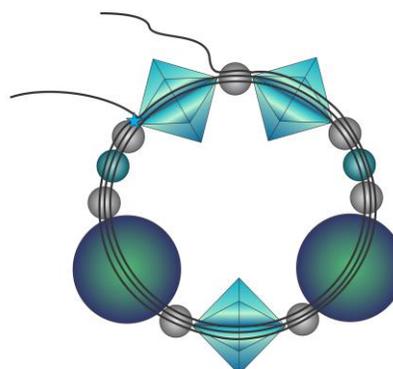


### Step 1:

Leaving a 6-8 inch tail, string 1A, 1B, 1A, 1D, 1A, 1C, 1A, 1D, 1A, 1B, 1A, 1C, 1A, 1C. Form a circle and tie a surgeon's knot or an overhand knot. Sew through the circle again to reinforce; pull snugly.

To step up, sew through the beads to exit the top A, situated between the two Cs on top, as shown.

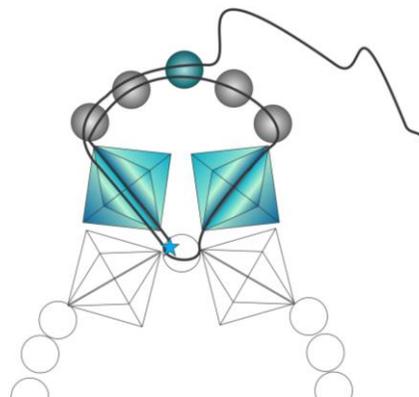
*Bury the 6-8 inch tail thread well, tying half-hitch knots along the way, if desired; snip or burn the tail thread close to your work.*



### Step 2:

Exiting the A from Step 1, add 1C, 2As, 1B, 2As, 1C. Sew through the starting A to form a circle, as shown. Reinforce if desired.

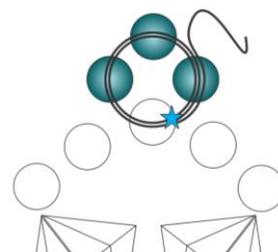
To step up, sew through the beadwork to exit the B on top, as shown.



### Step 3:

Exiting the B from Step 2, add 3Bs and form a circle by sewing through the starting B. Sew through again to reinforce.

To step up, sew through the first B added, as shown.

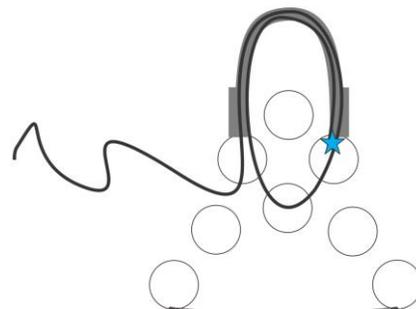


### Step 4:

Exiting the B from Step 3, sew through one side of a Wire Guardian finding (*you may have to slightly open the curve of the finding to accommodate the bead that will be in the center*). Sew through the other side of the finding and down through the adjacent 3Bs, as shown.

*When you pull the thread taut, make sure the thread falls into the center channel of the finding.* Sew through again to reinforce.

To step up, sew through the B on the far left side, as shown.



### Step 5:

Exiting the B from Step 4, add 1A and sew through the adjacent 2As, C, A, C, 2As. Add 1A and sew through the adjacent B, the wire guardian finding, and the starting B. Sew down into the beadwork, as shown, tying half-hitch knots along the way. Once the tail thread is well buried and secure, snip or burn the thread.

Connect ear wire findings to the loops on the earrings and you are ready to go! Congratulations!

Happy Beading! ~Val

