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Katie's Beading Lesson

Crystal Chandelier Earrings

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Filigree earrings with empty cups for setting Swarovski crystal chatons

<http://lasvegasrhinestones.com/special-design-earrings/>

Swarovski crystal chatons or rivolis to fit inside the earrings

<http://lasvegasrhinestones.com/loose-stones/>

These items are also available from DreamtimeCreations.com:

<http://www.dreamtimecreations.com/search/?criteria=empty+filigree+earrings>

Make your own gorgeous Swarovski crystal earrings using the same settings that costume jewelry manufacturers use, but you get to choose your own crystal colors! Each of these earrings has a prong setting that's attached to a filigree, which allows you to further customize your earrings because you can add extra dangles and drops.

For the basic earring:

1. Place the pointed end of a crystal chaton (or back of a rivoli) inside the setting.
2. Use chain-nose pliers (or the cushioned handles) to bend the prongs down onto the surface to hold the crystal in place. Or, use a special hand-held tool to push down all of the prongs at once.

Ideas for embellishing the earring:

- To create a longer chandelier drop, use jump rings to attach short lengths of chain to the spaces on the filigree component. Add a beaded dangle for extra sparkle.
- String bicone crystals onto head pins and make wrapped or basic loops to attach them to the filigree component.

Variations:

You can also set other elements in the prong settings, such as crystal flowers, metalized flowers and pearl cabochons.

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