

Garden

Create a botanical
bracelet and
blossom earrings



variety

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Everyone knows the mood-boosting properties of fresh-cut flowers. Since absconding with a bouquet from the garden next door is generally frowned upon, string a fabulous wrist corsage and earrings instead. Colorful flower beads will evoke a positive disposition in you and keep relations amicable with your neighbors, too.



bracelet • 1. String a 3mm flat spacer and a flower bead on a head pin. Make a plain loop (Basic Techniques, p. 106) above the bead.



2. Make a total of 30-36 flower units. If desired, string a flat spacer, a small flower, and a 14mm flower on several of the head pins.



3. Determine the finished length of your bracelet, add 5 in. (13cm), and cut a piece of beading wire to that length. String a pearl and a flower unit. Repeat until the bracelet is within 1 in. (2.5cm) of the desired length, ending with a pearl.



4. On each end, string a 3 x 5mm spacer, an accent bead, a crimp bead, an accent bead, and half the clasp. Go back through the last beads strung. Tighten the wires, check the fit, and add or remove beads if necessary. Crimp the crimp beads (Basic Techniques) and trim the excess wire.





A

earrings • 1. String a 3mm spacer and a 5mm flower bead on a head pin. Make a plain loop above the bead. Make a total of seven flower units.



B

2. Trim the head from a head pin and make a plain loop at one end. Or, use an eye pin. Open the loop, attach the 5mm flower unit, and close the loop.



C

3. String a 14mm flower bead on the eye pin. Make a plain loop above the bead.



D

4. Trim the head from a head pin and make a plain loop at one end. Or, use an eye pin. String a pearl. Make a plain loop above the bead. Make a second pearl unit.



E

5. Open one of the pearl unit's loops and attach it to the other pearl unit. Close the loop.
Open a jump ring (Basic Techniques) and string three 5mm flower units, the 14mm flower dangle, three 5mm flower units, and one loop on the connected pearl unit. Close the jump ring.



F

6. Open the loop on an earring wire and attach the dangle. Close the loop. Make a second earring to match the first. ❖

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Supply List

both projects

- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

bracelet

- 30-45 5-14mm flower-shaped beads
- 16-in. (41cm) strand 4mm potato-shaped pearls
- 30-36 3mm flat spacers
- 2 3 x 5mm spacers
- 4 3mm accent beads
- 30-36 1½-in. (3.8cm) head pins

- flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- 2 crimp beads
- toggle clasp

earrings

- 14 5mm flower-shaped beads
- 2 14mm flower-shaped beads
- 4 4mm pearls
- 14 3mm flat spacers
- 20 1½-in. head pins or 14 1½-in. head pins and 6 1½-in. eye pins
- pair of decorative earring wires