

# Look coming

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To make an indelible impression, the only thing more important than a great entrance is a spectacular exit. These earrings may look wispy, but their strength is the unexpected depth they create with their back-of-the-ear flourish. Whether it's with a cascade of beads or one dramatic dangle, you'll always be showing your best side.

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# great & going



**1** **dangle earrings** • String a crystal rondelle on a head pin. Make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 110) above the bead. Make a total of two rondelle units.



**2** Cut a 2-in. (5cm) piece of wire. Make the first half of a wrapped loop at one end. String a round crystal and make the first half of a wrapped loop above the bead. Make a total of three round units.

using the front and back of an earring post





**3a** Cut four ½-in. (1.3cm) pieces of chain.

**3b** Attach a rondelle unit to the end of one chain. Complete the wraps. Attach the other end of the chain to a loop of a round unit. Complete the wraps. Attach a chain to the remaining loop. Complete the wraps.



**4** Open the loop of an earring post. Attach the dangle and close the loop.



**5** Repeat step 3b. Attach the dangle to a loop of a round unit. Complete the wraps, leaving the top loop unwrapped.



**6** Attach the remaining loop to one loop of an ear nut. Complete the wraps. Make a second earring to match the first.

#### EDITOR'S TIP

If you use a finer cable chain for the cascade earrings, attach dangles to every other link.

## SupplyList

#### dangle earrings

- 4 8mm crystal rondelles
- 6 4mm round crystals
- 12 in. (30cm) 22-gauge half-hard wire
- 5 in. (13cm) cable chain, 3–4mm links
- 4 1½-in. (3.8cm) head pins

- pair of earring posts and ear nuts
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

#### cascade earrings

- 16 4mm beads
- 16 3mm beads

- 5 in. (13cm) cable chain, 4–5mm links
- 32 1½-in. (3.8cm) head pins
- 2 4mm jump rings
- pair of earring posts and ear nuts
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters



**1** **cascade earrings** • String a 4mm bead on a head pin. Make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 110). Make a total of 16 bead units, eight in each size.



**2** Cut two pieces of chain with eight links each. Attach a bead unit to each link on each chain, alternating sizes. Complete the wraps.



**3** Open the loop of an earring post. Attach a dangle and close the loop.



**4** Open a 4mm jump ring (Basics). Attach the remaining dangle and one loop of an ear nut. Close the jump ring. Make a second earring to match the first. ❖

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