

Organic



A tunic begs for a hip belt and groovy earrings

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SupplyList

Shell donuts are available from Eclectica, (262) 641-0910.

belt

- 2 16-in. (41cm) strands 20 x 30mm shell donuts, vertically drilled
- 2 16-in. (41cm) strands 20 x 30mm shell donuts, horizontally drilled
- 40–50 5mm round beads, in five colors
- flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- 8–12 in. (20–30cm) chain, 8–12mm links
- 2 2½-in. (6.4cm) decorative head pins
- 3 8mm jump rings

- 2 crimp beads
- key-ring lobster-style clasp, approximately 32mm (JoAnn Stores, joann.com)
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters
- crimping pliers (optional)

earrings

- 2 20 x 30mm shell donuts, vertically drilled
- 2 5mm round beads
- 2 2½-in. (6.4cm) decorative head pins
- pair of earring wires
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters



EDITOR'S TIP

If the holes in the beads are large enough, use .018 or .019 beading wire.

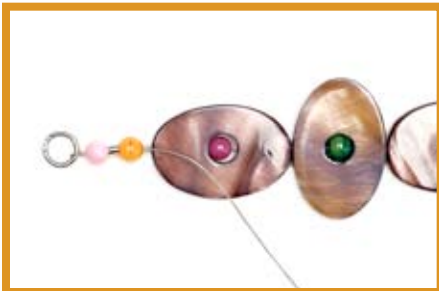


1 belt • Measure your hips, add 6 in. (15cm), and cut a piece of beading wire to that length. (My belt is 40 in./1m.) String: one hole of a horizontally drilled donut bead, round bead, remaining hole of the donut, one hole of a vertically drilled donut, round, remaining hole of the donut. Repeat until the strand is within 2 in. (5cm) of the finished length.



2 Open a jump ring (Basics, p. 118) and attach a lobster-style clasp. Close the jump ring.

On one end, string a round, a crimp bead, a round, and the clasp's jump ring. Go back through the beads just strung and crimp the crimp bead (Basics). Trim the excess wire.



3 On the other end, string a round, a crimp bead, a round, and a jump ring. Check the fit, and add or remove beads if necessary. Go back through the beads just strung and crimp the crimp bead. Trim the excess wire.



4 On a head pin, string one hole of a horizontal donut, a round, and the remaining hole of the donut. Make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basics). Repeat with a vertical donut.



5 Cut an 8–12-in. (20–30cm) piece of chain. Attach a donut unit to each end of the chain. Complete the wraps.



6 Use a jump ring to attach a link of the chain to the jump ring from step 3, attaching the chain so the donuts hang asymmetrically.



1 earrings • On a head pin, string one hole of a donut bead, a round bead, and the remaining hole of the donut. Make a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 118).



2 Open the loop of an earring wire (Basics) and attach the dangle. Close the loop. Make a second earring to match the first.