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Twisted-wire coils

Twisted-wire coils make charming embellishments for earrings. Make short earrings for a casual look or link coils for long, eye-catching dangles. The single-pearl dangles even look great on hoop earrings. Or, try making your coils out of plain wire and then hammering them for texture. — *Alice Lauber*



1 Cut a 3–4-in. (7.6–10 cm) piece of twisted wire. Using roundnose pliers, make a coil. Trim the wire, leaving a ½-in. (1.3 cm) tail. Bend the wire perpendicular to the coil, and make a plain loop (Basics, p. 6).



2 Cut a 2-in. (5 cm) piece of 24-gauge wire. Make a plain loop on one end. Open the loop (Basics) and attach the coil. Close the loop. On the wire, string a spacer, a pearl, and a spacer. Make a wrapped loop (Basics) perpendicular to the plain loop.



3 Open the loop of an earring wire (Basics) and attach the dangle. Close the loop. Make a second earring in the mirror image of the first.

Supply List

- 2 6–10 mm pearls
- 4 3–4 mm flat spacers
- 6–8 in. (15–20 cm) 20- or 22-gauge twisted wire (Midwest Beads, midwestbeads.com)
- 4 in. (10 cm) 24-gauge half-hard wire
- pair of earring wires
- chainnose pliers
- roundnose pliers

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Vermeil disks

Textured vermeil disks are fun and a little futuristic, but their golden glow is also warm and sophisticated. Stack them on head pins, connect them as bead units, or suspend them from chain. A monochromatic color scheme works well with these designs, or you can add tiny sparks of color with pastel or berry-colored crystals. — *Lindsay Mikulsky*



1 Cut three pieces of chain: ½ in., 1 in., and 1½ in. (1.3 cm, 2.5 cm, and 3.8 cm). Cut a 4-in. (10 cm) piece of wire. On one end, make the first half of a wrapped loop (Basics, p. 6). Attach the chains and complete



2 On the wire, string: rondelle, disk bead, rondelle, disk, rondelle. Make a wrapped loop.



3 Open the loop of an earring wire (Basics). Attach the dangle and close the loop. Make a second earring in the mirror image of the first.

Supply List

- 6 10 mm vermeil disk beads (The Earth Bazaar, 866.424.5149, theearthbazaar.com)
- 8 8 mm faceted rondelles
- 8 in. (20 cm) 22- or 24-gauge half-hard wire
- 6 in. (15 cm) figure 8 chain, 2–3 mm links (The Earth Bazaar)
- pair of earring wires
- chainnose pliers
- roundnose pliers

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