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Opening a jump ring or loop

- 1 Hold the jump ring or loop with chainnose and roundnose pliers or two pairs of chainnose pliers.
- 2 To open the jump ring or loop, bring one pair of pliers toward you.
- 3 The open jump ring. Reverse the steps to close.



Flattened crimp

- 1 Hold the crimp bead with the tip of your chainnose pliers. Squeeze the pliers firmly to flatten the crimp bead. Tug the clasp to make sure the crimp has a solid grip on the wire. If the wire slides, remove the crimp bead and repeat with a new crimp bead.
- 2 The flattened crimp.



Folded crimp

- 1 Position the crimp bead in the notch closest to the crimping pliers' handle.
- 2 Separate the wires and firmly squeeze the crimp bead.
- 3 Move the crimp bead into the notch at the pliers' tip. Squeeze the pliers, folding the bead in half at the indentation.
- 4 The folded crimp.



Folded crimp end

- 1 Glue one end of the cord and place it in a crimp end. Use chainnose pliers to fold one side of the crimp end over the cord.
- 2 Repeat with the second side of the crimp end and squeeze gently.



Overhand knot

- Make a loop and pass the working end through it. Pull the ends to tighten the knot.



Aquamarine crisscross

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Supplies

- ◆ 10 4mm round gemstone beads
- ◆ 2 X-shaped spacers
- ◆ 2 6mm round beads
- ◆ 6 silver disk-shaped spacers
- ◆ 22 faceted 11° seed beads
- ◆ 2 crimp beads
- ◆ 2 4mm soldered jump rings
- ◆ pair of earring wires



1 Cut a 5 in. (.13m) piece of beading wire. Alternate 11° faceted seed beads and gemstone beads three times, beginning and ending with an 11°. Center the beads on the wire.



2 String an X-shaped spacer, leading each strand through half the X. String an 11°, a gemstone, and an 11° on each wire. Then string a disk, a 6mm round, a disk, three 11°s, and a disk over both wires.



3 Pull the wires tight to align. String a crimp bead and a 4mm soldered jump ring over both wires. Go back through the crimp bead and the disk. Tighten the wires, crimp the crimp bead, and trim the excess wire. Attach the earring wire to the jump ring. Make a second earring.



4 Cut a 2-in. (5cm) piece of sterling silver wire. Make the first half of a wrapped loop on one end. Attach the bead unit and complete the wraps.



5 String a 10mm rondelle. Make a wrapped loop above the bead.



6 Open the loop of an earring wire and attach the dangle. Close the loop. Make a second earring.

Rings & wraps

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Supplies

- ◆ 36 3mm round crystals
- ◆ 2 20mm hammered rings
- ◆ 40 in. (1m) 28-gauge wire
- ◆ 2 5mm jump rings
- ◆ pair of earring posts with ear nuts



1 Cut a 12-in. (30cm) piece of wire. Secure the end by wrapping it tightly three times around a 20mm ring.



2 String a crystal. Holding the bead inside the ring, wrap the wire twice around the ring. Repeat 11 times.