

Gold Dangle Wire Earrings with French Hooks Wire Jewelry Making Pattern #101

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Supplies Needed

- * 13 inches of 14kt. gold filled 22 gauge round or square half hard wire or brass practice wire
- * 2 large gold filled beads, gemstone beads or pearls with holes large enough to accommodate the 22 gauge wire or brass practice wire.

Tools Needed

- * Round nose pliers
- * Flat nose pliers
- * Chain nose pliers
- * Wire cutter or flush cutter
- * Sharpie marking pen

Step 1



Cut two pieces of 22 gauge gold filled round or square half hard wire--each 4 inches long.

Take your marking pen and mark the middle of each piece of wire----at 2 inches.

Then take a gold filled bead, string it on one wire, bring it to the middle of the wire, and bend each wire up with your hands. Repeat with second bead.

Step 2



Next make a mark with your pen 1/2 inch from the cut ends of the wires. (If they have been cut uneven----- no problem, just trim them both to the same length.) Then bend one wire out.

Step 3



Holding both wires together with your flat nose pliers, wrap the bent out wire around the other wire about 2 wraps. If you need a little extra strength, use your chain nose to pull the wrap wire around.

Press the bent wire down and cut and trim it.

Step 4



Next take the one wire sticking up and bend it forward 90 degrees.

Now place your round nose pliers directly next to the bend and loop the wire backwards around the pliers to form a loop. NOTE--Mark your pliers with the Sharpie pen so you know where to wrap the wire on the next earring----that way you can make sure both loops are the same size.

Step 5



Take a piece of 22 gauge gold filled round or square half hard wire. (This is a good time to use up those scraps!) You will need two O rings.

Mark the tip of your round nose plier with your Sharpie pen.

Wrap the wire around the pliers at the pen mark.

Then cut with a flush cutter or a simple wire cutter and there's your O rings.

Step 6



Cut two pieces of 22 gauge gold filled round or square half hard wire to 1 3/4 inches each.

Take the tip of the wire and, using your round nose pliers, make a loop on the end. Don't forget to mark the tip of your round nose pliers so your loops are the same size for both earrings.

Step 7



Next with your round nose pliers, bring the wire up against the small loop and bend your wire in the opposite way to make the French hooks. If you make them different lengths just trim them to the same size.

Tip: Check the ends of your French hooks for any burs or rough pieces of metal. If you find any, file them off with a very fine file, an Arkansas stone, or even a finger nail file.

Tip: Do not file to a point. They perform better if they are just cut off square.

Step 8



Attach one French hook to an O ring and attach the earring to the same O ring. Close the O ring. WOW! A great looking pair of earrings

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