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DropInDrop Earrings (#7-2021)

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[I've been into alternating colored earrings lately, so you're in for the ride with me! If you love contrasting colors and cold-connections with fiber as much as I do, you'll love these teardrop hoops like a popsicle on the first really hot day of summer! [We can hope, can't we?]]



Materials

- Aluminum Wire, 18 gauge
 - Green Apple [SKU 74720001-01]
 - Turquoise [74720001-07]
- Preciosa Crystal Banding
 - ss13, 1mm, Lemon casing, Crystal AB [SKU 9501350-0000M]
 - ss13, 1mm, Aqua casing, Crystal [SKU 9501310-0001M]
- Irish Waxed Linen, 4-ply
 - Turquoise
 - Lemon Yellow
- G-S Hypo-Cement [SKU 88827972]

Tools

- John Bead Pro Line Pliers/Cutter Set [SKU 74527341]
 - Round nose [SKU 74527301]
 - Chain nose [SKU 74527300]
 - Side-cutter [SKU 74527320]
- Nylon Jaw Pliers [SKU 74527322]
- Darning/Leather Needles [SKU: 89560501]
- Metal Complex Hammer, nylon [SKU 74529456]
- Metal Complex Bench-block, 4" [SKU 74529401]
- DropInDrop Earring pattern and Basic Earwire patterns, [Hand Tool version @ Bead Projects & PDF's from John Bead Facebook group] or [Jig version @ www.BrendaSchweder.Etsy.com]



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Directions

Form the Teardrop Earring Elements

1. Cut one 7" and 8" length of 18g. wire in Green Apple and another pair in Turquoise wire.
2. Referencing the DropInDrop pattern, form the wire to match the SmallDrop and the LargeDrop Setups forming plain loops to each end.
3. Bend a right angle at the base of each loop to form a LollipopOnTop vs. the P/Q loop orientation as shown on the pattern.
4. Hammer the loops to flatten and harden them with a nylon hammer and bench-block.
5. *Bend the loops of the SmallDrop Setup perpendicular to itself, so that the openings align to the same side. Set the SmallDrop frames aside.

Embellish the Elements with Crystal Banding

1. Cut a 16.25" [32 crystal; 31 for the face-front version] length of crystal banding in each color.
2. Cut a 24" length of waxed linen in each color.
3. Holding one end of the banding against one of the LargeDrop elements, thread one end of the contrasting color linen through the banding from the front and, surrounding the element, back up and through the other side of the banding from the back.
4. Pull through a 6" tail and slide the banding up snug against the plain loop.
5. Pick-up the long end of linen and thread it onto the needle. Then from one side, go through the earring frame encasing it in between the linen and the banding, and thread it back up the next hole on the opposite side. Pull up the slack.
6. Flip the earring to the other side, and repeat the last step to form the next stitch.
7. Repeat these stitches until the entire band is attached. [Note: These steps will form small zig-zags on the back of the wire when done correctly.]
8. Finish by catching the last hole of the last side by stitching straight across, from the back to the front.
9. Trim tail to 6" to match the first tail you created in Step 4.
10. Repeat to the remaining LargeDrop element with the remaining linen. [Note: These remaining pieces should be in opposite colors from the earring just formed.]

Assemble the Elements to form the DropInDrop Earrings

1. Overlap the loops of the LargeDrop and open and close each plain loop of the SmallDrop elements through the overlapped loops. [Note: Optionally, attach the loops with JumpRings made with the JumpRing setup, skipping *Step 5 from the first instruction set above.]
2. Pull up the slack from the two linen tails, thread them through the SmallDrop element loops bypassing in the middle, and tie an overhand knot on the outside front, but below the loops. [Note: this tie both anchors the SmallDrop loops together and the crystal banding at the top of the LargeDrop setup. If you opt for the bow-less version, anchor the tails from the crystal banding to the LargeDrop loops at either side.]
3. Finish with a small bow over the connection and cut the ends to the desired length. Dot with beader's glue.
4. Repeat to finish the second earring.
5. Add earwires by opening and closing the earwire loop around both LargeDrop loops created with the Basic Earwire pattern.