

Bijou Blossoms

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You can buy new Lucite components or recycle your grandmother's vintage flowers to make these pretty earrings. They're quick to make and fun to wear.

Materials

- 6 Lucite flowers in various sizes
- 2 flat bicone 4mm crystals
- 2 sterling silver long shank French hoop ear wires

Tools

- Chain-nose pliers

Technique

Wireworking

Finished Size $\frac{3}{4}$ " diameter

Step 1: Use pliers to bend the stem of the ear wire (Figure 1) to 90° angle, $\frac{5}{8}$ " from the end.

Step 2: Stack the flowers on the stem starting with the largest and working to the smallest. Add the crystal to the stem so it is in the center of the flowers.

Step 3: Use the pliers to fold the end of the wire back to hold the beads in place (Figure 2).

Step 4: Repeat Steps 1–3 for the second earring. (



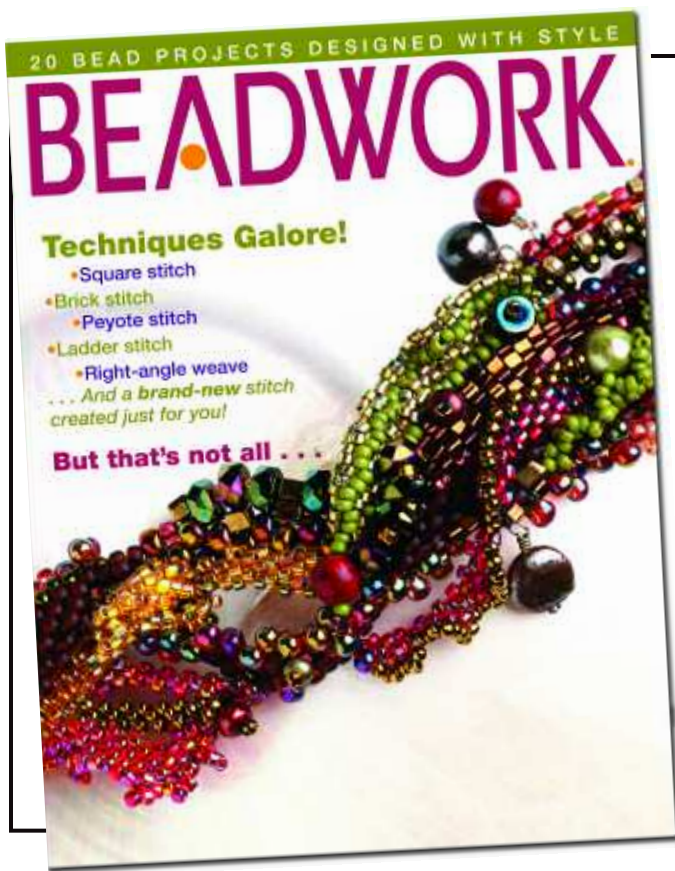
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Figure 1



Figure 2



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