

Shimmer Drop Necklace & Earring Kit



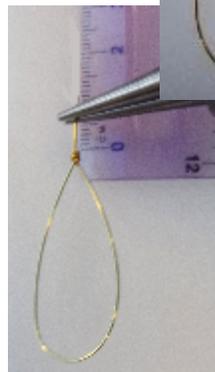
Contents:

- 50cm gold chain
- 2 earring hooks
- Large and small jump rings
- 4mm Swarovski bicone beads
- Jet black x 30, silver night x 28, grey x 16
- 3 Swarovski briolette beads
- 55cm of 1mm gauge gold plated wire
- 55cm of 0.8mm gauge gold plated wire
- 4m of 0.4m gauge gold plated wire
- Small cast flower for extender chain end



To make the necklace wire drop:

1. Cut a 20cm piece of the 1mm gauge wire. (Don't be tempted to straighten the wire, the natural curve will help with the shape).
2. Hold the ends together to create a loop. You are aiming to make an oval shape around 5 - 5.5cm long. With your fingers, adjust the lengths while holding the wire ends crossed over at the top until you have about the right size.
3. Once you have a good oval shape in the correct size, twist the wire ends together. Using your fingers, wrap the shorter of the two wires twice around the long one to make a small coil, then trim and tuck. You end up with what looks like an upside down needle.
4. Trim the short end as close as possible to the coil, and flatten with *flat nose pliers* (so there is no sharp end sticking out).
5. Trim the other end to about 1cm and create a loop using *round nose pliers*. This loop should be at a right angle to the main drop.

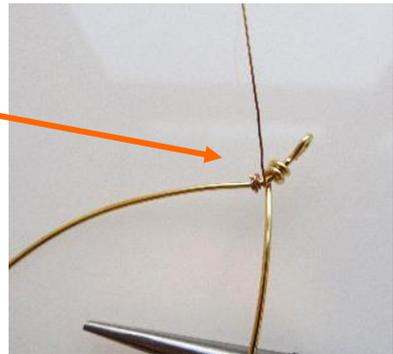


Please have a look at our online video for more detailed instructions.

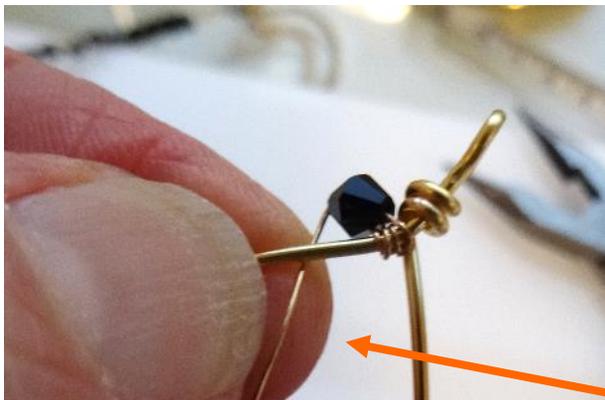
7. Cut a length of about 30cm of the 0.4mm wire.

Leave a short end and wrap the wire gently a couple of times onto the top of one side of the oval loop, close to the top coil, and trim off the little tail. Now wrap the long wire at the top just a couple of times to secure the thin wire onto the thick wire frame.

Important point: WHEN WIRE WRAPPING BEADS YOU NEED TO PUSH THE THIN WIRE WITH YOUR FINGER UNDERNEATH THE THICKER WIRE TO THREAD THE THIN WIRE THROUGH THE OVAL HOOP. DON'T TRY TO WRAP BY THREADING THROUGH THE END OF THE THIN WIRE AND TWISTING IT ROUND, THIS WILL MAKE YOUR WIRE KINK.

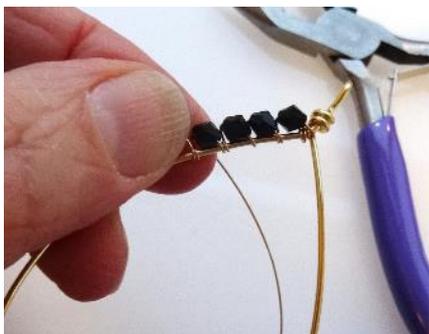


With your fingers 'push' the coil you've made as close to the top coil as you can, you're now ready to start wire wrapping your beads along the outer edge.



8. Thread the first bead onto the thin wire until it reaches the end.

Hold it in place with one hand right at the rim of your wire drop, and now push the thin wire underneath the thick wire with your finger. Pull the length of the thin wire gently to thread it through the oval drop and repeat this action to wrap it twice round the thick wire at the base of the bead.



Continue the same way, bead after bead, following the curve of your wire drop. Gently push your beads tightly next to each other so there are no gaps and they are perfectly lined up one next to the other along the outer edge.

Note: Don't worry if the wire drop doesn't look perfect to start with, once the beads are wrapped on, uneven edges will be hidden and look smooth.

To create an ombre effect like our original image, thread the beads as follows:

- Jet black x 6
- Silver night x 6
- Pale grey x 12
- Silver night x 6
- Jet black x 6

9. You will run out of the thin wire more or less half way through (this is deliberate, as the wire would be too long to manage if it were long enough to complete the whole drop in one piece).

When it's getting short, take it back to wrap around the gap of one bead and around the gap of a second bead. Then wrap a couple of times just to keep secure, trim and tuck in any edges if protruding.



When adding a new wire, just wrap the wire on a couple of times next to the last bead to secure it onto the main wire frame. Then thread on a bead to continue with the process.



10. When you have finished wrapping the beads all the way around the drop, finish the end by going back one bead and wrapping, then another bead and wrapping. Finally, twist a couple of times for security, trim a length of wire and tuck the end under to finish neatly.

11. Make the bale

Cut a 7cm length of 0.8mm wire, and make a loop at one end using round nose pliers.

Gently open this loop and connect it to the loop at the top of the pendant drop and close securely.

Now thread on one of the briolette beads.



Hold the wire with *round nose pliers* about 0.5cm above the bead. Wrap the wire round the end of one point of the round nose pliers to create a complete 360° closed loop (that is big enough to thread through the chain).

Then, with your fingers, continue to wrap the end of this wire around the base of the loop and down towards the bead, creating a coil. (This should be about 4-5 loops), trim the excess and tuck in any sharp edges with your *flat nose pliers*.



12. Finish the necklace chain

To create an extender chain, link together 3 large and 3 small jump rings – large then small alternately. Connect the small cast flower to one end of the extender. Connect the other end of the extender to the necklace chain using another small jump ring.

Thread the unfinished end of the necklace chain through the loop at the top of the bale. Then complete the unfinished end of the chain by connecting the clasp to it using a jump ring.



13. To make the earrings:

Cut two 12cm lengths of wire. Again, leave the natural curve of the wire.

Holding both wires together, shape into a drop with the wires crossing at the top in an X. The drop should be about 3 cm long.

If you shape the wires together you will end up with identical size drops.



Now finish each drop separately.... So this is the same way you made the top of the pendant drop.

For the wire wrapping - again this is the same as for the pendant. So make one earring and then the other.



14. To finish the earrings you have two options:

- 1) Attach the drop, as it is, to the earring hooks. To do this, carefully open the loop at the bottom of the earring hook and connect to the loop at top of the drop.
- 2) Alternatively, if you'd like an earring that is longer, make a short bale as you did with the necklace, and add the briolette bead above the drop. Then connect the earring hook above the bead. Carefully open the loop at the bottom of the earring hook and connect to the loop at top of the drop.



Notes:

Difficulty level – advanced

Time to complete – approximately 3 hours

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*Please note, there may be minor variations in the contents compared to the images. Our kits are made in the UK so if we run out of any beads or parts we will substitute them with something very similar and within the same colour and theme. There will always be enough to complete your creation. When making your jewellery please be aware that there will be small parts that need to be carefully disposed of. Please be careful of this if you have small children nearby.