

Fresh Water Pearl Chain Link Necklace and Spiral Earrings

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Materials

Artistic Wire™

18, 20 & 26 Gauge Non-Tarnish Silver

Artistic Wire™ Tools

Nylon Jaw Pliers

Wire Cutter

Round Nose Pliers

Wire Worker

Basic Supplies/Tools

Fishhook Earring Posts

Necklace Clasp

Small Fresh Water Pearls

(At least 25, more if desired)

Instructions

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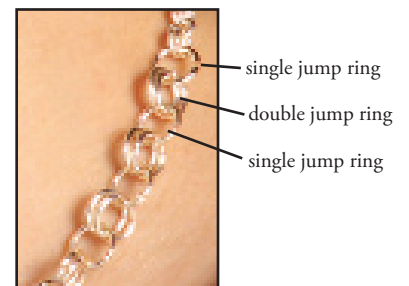
Creating Jump Rings

- Step 1.** Screw the largest metal mandrel onto the Wire Worker. Using the 18 gauge wire still on the spool, place the end of the wire into one of the wire holes on the Wire Worker. Wrap the wire around the mandrel by rotating the handle of the Wire Worker away from you, creating a tight coil. Wrap the wire until you have wound about a 3" coil. Remove the wire from the Worker and trim the excess wire from both ends.
- Step 2.** Starting at one end of the coiled wire, use the wire cutters and cut along the top of the coil, creating small circles of wire.
- Step 3.** Repeat Steps 1 and 2 to create more large jump rings.
- Step 4.** Remove the large mandrel and replace with the small metal mandrel. Using the 20 gauge wire, repeat Steps 1 and 2 to create smaller jump rings.

Creating the Chain

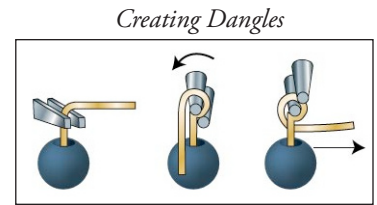
- Step 1.** Start the chain by connecting about 20 small jump rings. Then connect two small jump rings to the last jump ring, creating a double jump ring (see chain detail). Continue to alternate, connecting a single jump ring then a double jump ring, until you've created 11 more link lengths. This will complete the first part of the chain with the small jump rings.
- Step 2.** Start connecting the larger jump rings, alternating a single jump ring then a double jump ring, until you've created about 33 more link lengths.
- Step 3.** Finish the chain by connecting the smaller jump rings so the end matches the beginning of the chain created in Step 1.
- Step 4.** Test the length of the chain and add more small jump rings to the ends if needed (alternating each side to keep the chain even). Once desired length is reached, add an extra 10 small links to one end of the chain. Attach the necklace clasp to the shorter end of the chain. Set chain aside.

Chain Detail



Creating Pearl Dangles

Step 1. Using the 26 gauge wire, start by tying a knot in the wire and trimming the wire on one end of the knot. Trim the wire on the other end about two inches away from the knot. Bead a pearl onto the wire and slide it down to the knot. With the tip of your round nose pliers, grasp the wire directly above the pearl. Bend the wire (above the pliers) into a right angle (see diagram).



Step 2. Position the jaws of your round nose pliers in the bend. Bring the wire over the top of the pliers to create a loop. (see diagram)

Step 3. Place the loop created in the last step onto the chain at the 11th large jump ring length (make sure it is a single jump ring, not a double jump ring). To close the dangle, create a wrapped loop by wrapping the wire tail around the wire stem between the loop and the top of the pearl. Trim the excess wrapping wire, and press the end close to the wraps with the round nose pliers. Continue creating and placing single pearl dangles on 10 more of the single larger jump rings in the middle of the chain.

Step 4. Add more pearl dangles to the same jump rings closer to the middle of the chain until you are happy with the look of the pearl dangles.

Step 5. To complete the chain, add a pearl dangle to the longer end of the chain.

Earrings

Step 1. Attach the smaller metal mandrel to the Wire Worker. Using the 18 gauge wire still attached to the spool, place the end of the wire into the wire hole on the Wire Worker. Wrap the wire around the smaller metal mandrel about eight times and trim the end of the wire, leaving about a 1" tail. Remove the coil from the mandrel. Using the round nose pliers on one end and the nylon jaw pliers on the other, pull the coil slightly to create a spiral.

Step 2. Using the round nose pliers, create a loop on the top and bottom of the spiral. Trim excess wire and close the loops (see earring detail). Attach the earring hook to one end and create another pearl dangle and attach to the other end of the spiral. Repeat Steps 1 and 2 to create the other earring, making sure the spirals are the same lengths.

Earring Detail

