



PEARLY LINKS EARRINGS

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It's hard to resist shimmering pearls gracefully dangling from chain links.

MATERIALS

10 size 4mm glass pearls
6 size 6mm glass pearls
2 size 8mm glass pearls
6" small link chain
30" 28-gauge wire
4 size 6mm or 7mm bead caps
6 head pins 2" long
2 size 5mm open jump rings
Pair of ear wires
Wire cutters
2 pairs of flat- or chain-nose pliers
1 pair of round-nose pliers

SKILL LEVEL: Confident beginner and up

TECHNIQUES: Wire work, opening/closing jump rings

FINISHED SIZE: 2 5/8" long (excluding the ear wire)



8MM PEARL STRAND

Step 1. Cut three ½" lengths of chain. Cut two 4" lengths of wire.

Step 2. String a bead cap, an 8mm pearl and a bead cap onto a head pin. Begin making a wrapped loop, before completing the loop, insert a length of chain. [Photo 1] Complete the loop and trim excess wire. [Photo 2]

Step 3. String one 6mm to the middle of one length of wire and string the wire through the last link of the chain attached to the 8mm. Thread one end of the wire back through the 6mm keeping it centered on the wire. Use pliers to gently pull the wire to create a small loop around the chain link. Leave a bit of room for wire wrapping between the chain link and the pearl.

Step 4. String a second length of chain on the other end of the wire. Thread the wire back through the 6mm and use pliers to pull the wire to create a small loop around the link. [Photo 3]

Step 5. Starting at the pearl, make a wrapped loop between the pearl and the chain. Trim the excess wire. Repeat with the other wire end.

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Step 6. String one 4mm and the second wire through previous chain. Thread one end of the wire back through the 4mm keeping it centered. Use pliers to gently pull the wire to create a small loop around the chain.

Step 7. String the third length of chain to the other end of the wire. Thread the wire back through the 4mm and use pliers to pull the wire to create a small loop. [Photo 4]

Step 8. Repeat Step 5 to make the wrapped loops. Set this strand aside.

6MM PEARL STRAND

Step 9. Cut three $\frac{3}{4}$ " lengths of chain. Cut two 4" lengths of wire.

Step 10. Repeat Steps 2 through 8 to complete this strand, using two 6mm pearls and one 4mm pearl.

NOTE: Do not add bead caps to the end 6mm pearl.

5MM PEARL STRAND

Step 11. Cut two $\frac{1}{2}$ " and one $\frac{3}{4}$ " lengths of chain. Cut two 4" lengths of wire.

Step 12. Repeat Steps 2 through 8 to complete this strand, using three 4mm pearls. **NOTE:** Do not add bead caps to the end 4mm pearl.

ASSEMBLY

Step 13. Use pliers to open a jump ring. Insert the 8mm pearl strand. Insert the other pearl strands on either side of the 8mm strand. Close the jump ring. Attach an ear wire to the jump ring. [Photo 5]

Repeat all steps to complete your second earring. Now you are ready to party!!!



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5

Want to make a matching companion necklace? Check out my sister project the “Pearly Links Necklace”
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