

One ambitious DIY bride created a pair of these earrings for herself. When she discovered how easy they were, she created pairs for her five bridesmaids. With her craft fever in full force, she made pairs for her mother, mother-in-law, flower girl, and aunt

Get Your Craft On:

### Going Solo

This is a great project to tackle when sitting in front of the TV after a long day at the office.

### Supplies Needed

- 2 sterling or surgical steel ear hooks
- 2 headpins, 4 inches in length
- 2 crystal beads
- 2 silver rondelle spacers
- 2 faux pearls
- Wire cutters
- Needle-nose pliers

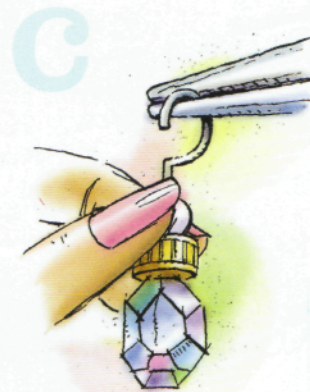
### DIRECTIONS

1. Let's get started! Place one crystal bead and one silver rondelle spacer on the headpin, with the crystal bead on the bottom, then the spacer. Then add one faux pearl (drawing a).
2. With the flat end of the headpin pointing down, hold the wire as close to the beads as possible with the thin end of the needle-nose pliers. Use the pliers to bend the headpin to a 90-degree angle (drawing b). Trim the end of the wire to a length of 7 mm to 10 mm beyond the bend.





3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for the second earring.
4. With the edge of the wire squeezed between the needle-nose pliers, turn the pliers half a turn to begin a loop (drawing c).
5. Insert the open loop through the ear hook. Close the loop with the needle-nose pliers.



### Tips & Hints

- These earrings can easily be customized by using any combination of bead sizes and colors. If you add more beads or larger-size ones, you may need a longer headpin. Don't be afraid to experiment. Beads are cheap and can be found in most craft stores.
- These make a perfect gift for bridesmaids.

### Cost Comparison

**Bridal accessories are notoriously expensive. A simple pair of crystal earrings can easily fetch \$20 or more in bridal salons. Our DIY Bride version costs less than \$1 per pair to make.**

Store Cost:	Your Cost:
<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$1</b>