



Bicone bangle

I loved Brenda Schweder's ingenious use of bangles and pearls in "Big bangle theory" from the November 2005 issue of *BeadStyle*.

To put your own spin on the design, try other bead shapes — just keep in mind that the bigger the bead, the smaller the inside of the bangle will become. — N.F.



The shiny finish on the crystals mimics the silver in the bracelet forms.



1 Cut a 1-in. (2.5 cm) piece of wire. Make a plain loop on one end (Basics).



2 String a loop of a bangle, a bead, and a loop of a second bangle.



3 Make a plain loop, the same size as the first plain loop.



4 Attach beads to the remaining bangle loops. It's easier to anchor the bangles by attaching the first four beads at equidistant points, then filling in the rest. ●

Supply List

- 16 8–15 mm beads
- 2 bangles with 16 loops
- 16 in. (41 cm) 20- or 22-gauge half-hard wire
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters

Bangles from Fusion Beads, fusionbeads.com. Check your local bead store for supplies.

Earring options

Add smaller bicone crystals to ones left over from the bracelet. Or, dangle beads from long head pins for modern earrings.



Tip

You can make a taller bangle by using tube beads. Or, stack additional bangles and beads. If you choose this option, make sure the bracelet loops are aligned before you start.