

April: Diamond

I love Swarovski crystal buttons with foil backing; they have so much depth and sparkle. Decorative jump rings offer a handy way to turn these buttons into jewelry. To match their intensity, combine them with bicones in "shadow" for dazzling earrings.

– Patricia Bartlein



1 bracelet • Open a jump ring (Basics). Attach three jump rings and one hole of a crystal button. Close the jump ring.



2 Use a jump ring to attach the set of three jump rings and one hole of another button.



3 Repeat steps 1 and 2 until the bracelet is within 1 in. (2.5 cm) of the finished length, ending with three jump rings on each end. Check the fit, and add or remove jump rings or buttons if necessary.



4 On each end, use a jump ring to attach half of a clasp.



5 On a head pin, string a 4 mm bicone crystal, a 6 mm bicone crystal, and a 4 mm bicone. Make a plain loop (Basics). Make a one-bicone unit and a two-bicone unit as shown.



6 Use a jump ring to attach the three bicone units and an end jump ring.

Supplies

bracelet

- ◆ 7-8 12 mm square crystal buttons
- ◆ 3 6 mm bicone crystals
- ◆ 3 4 mm bicone crystals
- ◆ 3 1½-in. (3.8 cm) 22-gauge head pins
- ◆ 41-46 7 mm decorative jump rings
- ◆ toggle clasp
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters

earrings

- ◆ 2 12 mm square crystal buttons
- ◆ 4 6 mm bicone crystals
- ◆ 2 4 mm bicone crystals
- ◆ 2 in. (5 cm) 22-gauge half-hard wire
- ◆ 2 1½-in. (3.8 cm) 22-gauge head pins
- ◆ 4 7 mm decorative jump rings
- ◆ pair of earring wires
- ◆ chainnose and roundnose pliers
- ◆ diagonal wire cutters

Tips

- Make sure to properly close all jump rings.
- To alter the length of the bracelet just a little, use 4 mm jump rings to attach the clasp.



1 **earrings** • On a head pin, string a 4 mm bicone crystal and a 6 mm bicone crystal. Make a plain loop (Basics).

Cut a 1-in. (2.5 cm) piece of wire. Make a plain loop. String a 6 mm bicone and make a plain loop.



2 Open a jump ring (Basics). Attach the head pin unit and one hole of a crystal button. Close the jump ring. Use a jump ring to attach one loop of the remaining bicone unit and the remaining button hole.



3 Open the loop of an earring wire (Basics). Attach the dangle and close the loop. Make a second earring to match the first.