

April: Diamond

You're no diamond in the rough — no matter what, your style is both polished and effortless. To fake a brilliant sparkle, whip up a pair of crystal-and-cubic-zirconia earrings. With simple plain loops and preset earring findings, you'll be ready to dazzle in under 15 minutes. — Naomi Fujimoto



1 String a bicone crystal on a head pin. Make a plain loop above the bead.



2 Cut a 1-in. (2.5cm) piece of wire. Make a plain loop on one end. String a drop crystal and make a plain loop above the bead. Repeat with a round crystal.



3 Open the loop of the bicone unit. Attach the bottom loop of the drop unit and close the loop. Attach a loop of a round unit to the drop unit's top loop.



4 Open the loop of an earring wire and attach the dangle. Close the loop. Make a second earring to match the first.

SupplyList

- 2 10mm round crystals
- 2 6 x 9mm drop crystals, vertically drilled
- 2 4mm bicone crystals
- 4 in. (10cm) 22-gauge sterling silver half-hard wire
- 2 1-in. (2.5cm) 22-gauge sterling silver head pins
- pair of lever-back earring wires with 6mm cubic zirconias (House of Gems, houseofgems.com)
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters