Faceted Necklace and Earrings

Teardrop crystals drape daintily from a chain necklace connected by wrapped-loop links.

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MATERIALS
both projects
• chainnose pliers
• roundnose pliers
• wire cutters

necklace 19 in. (48cm)
• 8 5 x 10mm crystals
• toggle clasp
• 25 in. (64cm) 22-gauge wire
• 18 in. (46cm) figure 8 chain, 5mm links
• 2 jump rings

earrings
• 6 5 x 10mm crystals
• 4 4mm bicone crystals
• 10 in. (25cm) 22-gauge wire
• 2½ in. (6.4cm) figure 8 chain, 5mm links
• 4 24-gauge head pins
• pair of earring findings

stepbystep

Necklace
[1] Make a 45-degree bend ¾ in. (1.9cm) from the end of the wire with your chainnose pliers. Slide a crystal next to the bend, and make another 45-degree bend on the other side of the crystal (photo a). Make two wraps above the crystal with the wire remaining from the first bend (photo b). Trim the excess wire. Cut the long wire 1½ in. (3.8cm) above the wraps. Repeat for a total of eight dangles.
[2] Make the first half of a wrapped loop above the wraps on one of the dangles.
[3] Attach the loop to the large link, 12 links from one end of the chain. Finish the
wraps (**photo c**). Trim the excess wire.
**[4]** Repeat step 2 with the remaining dangles.
**[5]** Skip two figure 8 links and a large link. Attach a dangle to the next large link, and finish the wraps.
**[6]** Repeat step 5 with the remaining dangles.
**[7]** Open a jump ring, and connect the last link of the chain to half of the clasp. Repeat on the other end with the other half of the clasp.

**Earrings**
**[1]** Cut the chain in half so there are three figure 8 links and three large links in each section. Attach the earring finding to the end figure 8 link (**photo d**).
**[2]** Make three dangles as in step 1 of the necklace. Attach the first dangle to the bottom half of the second figure 8 link with a wrapped loop. Repeat with the other two dangles, attaching one to the second large link and one to the third large link (**photo e**).
**[3]** String a 4mm bicone crystal on a head pin, and make the first half of a wrapped loop. Attach the loop to the top half of the second figure 8 link, and finish the wraps. Repeat with a second 4mm, and attach it to the top half of the third figure 8 link (**photo f**).
**[4]** Make a second earring to match the first.