

Gypsy Earrings

by Jill MacKay®



Supplies for 1 Pair of Earrings:

2 8mm Picasso glass table-cut
Czech glass beads
26 4mm aqua blue rondelle
Czech glass beads
40 3mm aqua blue rondelle crystals
32 3mm light blue Czech glass beads
20 silver Bali spacers
8 inches 18-gauge silver Artistic Wire
2 feet 26-gauge silver Artistic Wire
20 head pins
Pair of ear wires

Tools:

Wubbers Extra Large Round Mandrel
Pliers
Wubbers Small Round Mandrel Pliers
Wubbers Looping Pliers
Wubbers Chain Nose Pliers
Flush wire cutters

Tip:

Earrings usually match better when each step is completed for the first earring and then immediately repeated for the second earring.

1. Cut a 4-inch piece of 18-gauge wire. Use your Wubbers Looping Pliers to make a loop at one end of the wire.

2. String on three 4mm aqua Czech crystal rondelle beads. Use your Wubbers Classic Chain Nose Pliers to make a 90° angle just above the last bead. Make a loop around the smaller of the two jaws on a pair of Wubbers Extra Large Round Mandrel Pliers. Trim off any excess wire with the flush wire cutters.



3. Wrap a 12-inch piece of 26-gauge wire three times around the 90° bend on the 18-gauge loop. String on one 3mm aqua crystal rondelle and wrap once to secure to bead in place. String another 3mm aqua crystal rondelle and wrap around loop again. Continue until there are four 3mm aqua crystals wire wrapped to the top of the loop. Wrap twice to secure the rondelles in place.



4. String on one 3mm aqua crystal rondelle, one 8mm Picasso glass table-cut Czech glass bead, and one 3mm crystal rondelle. Pull the wire across center of loop and wire wrap twice on the opposite side of the loop. Make sure to wrap upwards, toward top of loop after adding the beads across the middle.

5. String on one 3mm aqua crystal crystal rondelle, wrap once, and pull tight. Continue until there are four 3mm aqua crystals wrapped to the left side of the loop. Wrap twice to secure the beads. Wrap once around the 90° bend of the loop, then wrap two more times. Trim off any excess 26-gauge wire.



6. String one 3mm aqua crystal rondelle, one silver spacer, one 4mm aqua Czech glass rondelle bead, and two 3mm light blue Czech glass beads onto a head pin. Use your Wubbers Looping Pliers to form a loop above the beads, but do not wrap yet. Repeat five more times to prepare a total of six long dangles.



7. String one 3mm aqua crystal rondelle, one silver spacer, one 4mm aqua Czech glass bead and one 3mm light blue Czech glass bead. Use your Wubbers Looping Pliers to form a loop above the beads, but do not wrap yet. Repeat three more times to prepare a total of four short dangles.



8. Wire wrap six long dangles directly onto the bottom half of the loop. Wrap twice above the beads, and trim off any extra headpin wire. Wrap two short dangles next to the six long dangles on one side, and then repeat on the opposite side.

9. Attach an ear wire to the top loop.



Finished length: 2 1/2 inches.

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