

Earrings A Go-Go

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Materials:
 20 gauge wire
 2" head pins
 2 ear wires
 6 cube beads
 8 size 6 seed beads

Tools:
 Wire Cutters
 Needle Nosed Pliers
 Chain Nosed Pliers
 Large Round Rod
 (a marker works well)



1 Start by threading the beads onto the head pin as shown here. Make a loop in the top but be sure to leave a little space between the top bead and the loop. Do this for both head pins leaving the same space at the top of both. The space needs to be about twice the width of the wire.



2 Now wrap some of your wire around the rod that you chose. You want something that's just a little bigger in diameter than your beads. Wrap it around 6 times.

GROOVY

Now this part is harder to describe than it is to actually do. What you want to do is loosen the coils in the middle. I'm holding them tightly in my fingers, and kind of pushing the wire so that it comes off of the rod. I'm making bigger loops. There will be about 5 loops when you're all finished with this part.



4 Your "spring" should look like this when you take it off of the marker. (Without the tiny loops on the ends, of course.)

Now you make the small loops at the ends. I used my smallest needle nosed pliers, and both of the little loops are on the "bottom" or on the same side. This will keep them both in the back of the earrings when they are attached to the head pins with the beads strung onto them.



Now you simply attach the spirals that you made to the head pins. Be sure to put the head pins inside the spiral before you attach them, and I should warn you that this is a bit "figgeldy", but overall these are pretty quick to make, and very groovy when you're finished.



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