

TRINITY EARRINGS

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I've never quite achieved the skill needed to precisely duplicate the wirework needed for a pair of chandelier earrings. I decided that beading hoops were the ideal answer to achieve symmetry and the professional finished quality that I desired. These earrings are suitable for both the novice and experienced beader as they are easy to bead and fun to wear. The bar & link chain adds length and interest while the crystals add just the right amount of glamour!



SUPPLY LIST

(For one pair of earrings)

10	4 mm	Swarovski bicone crystals (Color 1)	
6	4 mm	Swarovski Bi-cone crystals (Color 2)	
7 links	2.2 mm	Flat Cable Chain (Rio Grande #632-253/B)	
7"	.9mm	Sterling Silver Bar & Link Chain (Rio Grande #632-654/B) (Must have 20 bars & 21 jumprings and must begin & end with a jumpring)	
32	2.5 mm	Sterling Silver Round Beads (FMG #15-1654FN or #15-6583MB,) (Rio Grande sandblasted #410-338 or shiny #411-041)	
1 pair		Sterling Silver lever back or french earwires	
1 pair	3/4"/16mm	Beading Hoop Earrings, Sterling Silver (Fire Mountain Gems #15-1693FN; Rio Grande #690-340)	
16	1 inch/ .28	Headpins (Fire Mountain Gems #15-1710FN)	
	<u>Notions:</u>	Chainnose pliers, roundnose pliers, side or flush cutters	

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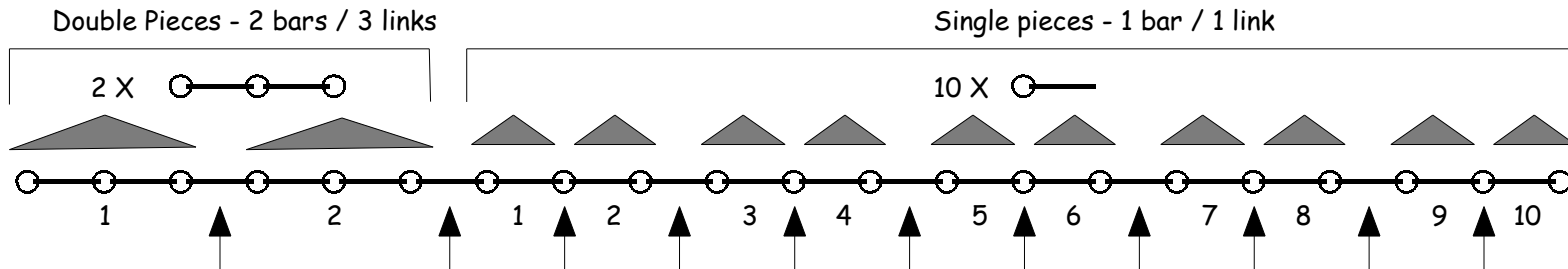
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Step 1: Cutting the chain

Using the side or flush cutters:

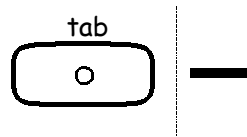
A: Divide the flat cable chain into two equal pieces of three links each; discard center waste link.

B: Cut the bar and link chain as follows:



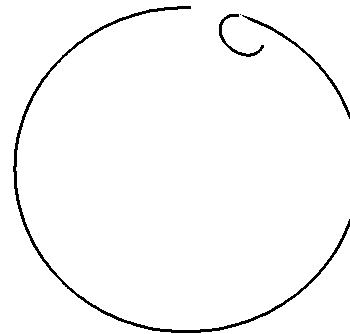
The arrows point to the piece that is to be cut as the discarded waste link or bar; cut the discarded bar piece at tiny tiny loop end that connects it to the larger jumpring-type link

C: Cut the flat "tab" off the end of the beading hoop earrings.



Step 2: Preparing the Beading Hoops

A: Using the tip of the round nose pliers, turn the cut end of the beading hoops so the loop is turned inward toward the hoop



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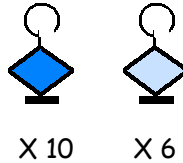
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Step 3: Crystal Drops

A: String each crystal on one headpin and turn a simple loop using chain nose, side or flush cutters and round nose pliers



Step 4: Assembly (SEE GRAPHIC ON NEXT PAGE)

On one beading hoop, string the following:

- 1 Six (6) sterling silver round beads
- 2 One single piece of bar & link chain (from the link)
- 3 One sterling silver round bead
- 4 One single piece of bar & link chain (from the link)
- 5 One sterling silver round bead
- 6 One single piece of bar & link chain (from the link)
- 7 One sterling silver round bead
- 8 One single piece of bar & link chain (from the link)
- 9 One sterling silver round bead
- 10 One single piece of bar & link chain (from the link)
- 11 Six (6) sterling silver round beads

Step 5:

Using the round nose pliers, very carefully turn a loop, as in Step 2, on the second side of the beading hoop, first trimming excess length if needed.

Step 6:

Carefully open one of the loops on the beading earring hoop and string one end of one of the double bar & link chain pieces, one end of one of the flat cable chain pieces and a Color 1 Crystal Drop. CLOSE THE LOOP.

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Step 7:

Open the loop on the other side of the hoop and string the other end of the same double bar & link chain and the other end of the flat cable chain piece from Step 6, squeezing loops of beading hoop together if needed for fit. String a Color 1 Crystal Drop.

Make sure the chain pieces are aligned correctly and then close the loop.

Step 8:

String One Color 2 Crystal drop on the middle link of the flat cable chain

Step 9:

String One Color 1 Crystal drop on the CENTER piece of the bar & link chain

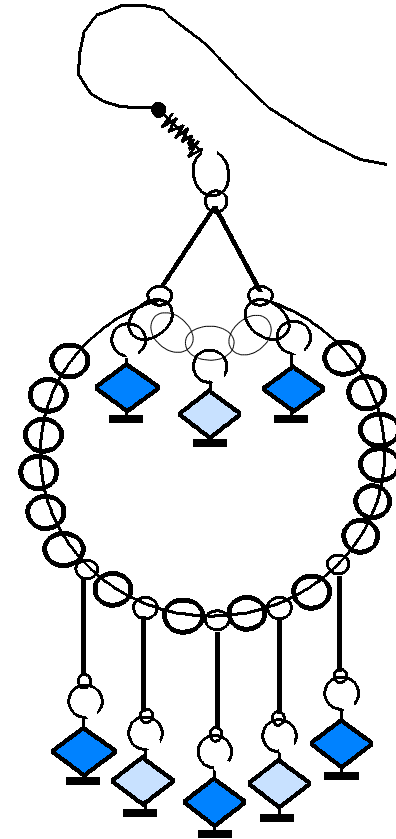
String One Color 1 Crystal drop on EACH END piece of the bar & link chain

String One Color 2 Crystal drop on the SECOND and FOURTH pieces of the bar & link chain

Step 10:

String the Earwire on the CENTER link of the double piece of bar & link chain

REPEAT STEPS ONE THROUGH 10 FOR THE SECOND EARRING



Enjoy "Trinity" with my best wishes ! - Joanie

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