

DESIGN WORKSHOP

CERAMIC SUNSET NECKLACE AND EARRINGS

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Materials

- .018" Diameter Bright Beadalon 49
- 22-Gauge Hematite Artistic Wire
- 6 Ceramic 18mm Rounds
- 12 Turquoise Nuggets
- 16" strand of 4mm red rounds
- 2 Silver/Aqua Teardrop Charms
- 2 Large Silver Hammered Rings
- 2 Silver Multi-Strand Spacer Bars
- 16 Silver 14mm Large-Hole Spacers
- 2 Silver 8mm large-hole Spacers
- 18 Silver 6mm Spacers
- 8 Hematite 10mm Jump Rings
- 2 Silver Ear Wires
- 4 Silver #1 Crimp Beads

Tip: You can use the wire-wrapping technique with 4mm beads and geometric rings to make pendants, drops, dangles, embellished toggle rings and more. It's a very versatile technique!

Necklace Instructions

1. Cut a 8" length of wire and coil the end around the hammered ring. Pass through a 4mm bead then wrap it around the ring. Continue wrapping around the ring, adding beads as you go.
2. Once you add the last bead that will fit onto the ring, coil once around the ring to secure it.
3. Repeat Steps 1-2 to make a matching ring.
4. Use a medium mandrel with Hematite wire to make a 1 ½" coil. Cut it in half.
5. Use a thin mandrel with hematite wire to make a 2 ½" coil. Cut it in half.

6. Cut a 12" length of beading wire and pass the end through a crimp bead.

7. Pass the wire around the beaded ring, pass the end back through the crimp bead. Crimp it.

8. Pass the wire through a medium wire coil and a red bead.

9. Pass through 6mm spacer, nugget, 6mm spacer, red, 14mm silver, red, 6mm spacer, ceramic, 6mm spacer, red, 14mm silver, red.

10. Repeat the pattern twice more, then pass through: 6mm spacer, nugget, 6mm spacer, red, 8mm silver.

11. Pass through a Crimp Bead and a thin coil, then pass through the 8mm silver bead as shown.
12. Tuck the crimp bead inside the 8mm silver bead and use chain-nose pliers to squeeze it flat.
13. Cut a 4" length of wire and make a large wrapped loop to attach it to the 14mm large-hole bead.
14. Pass through a 6mm silver, nugget, 6mm silver and make another wrapped loop.
15. Slip the wrapped loop onto a Jump Ring and open the ends wide to press them into the lower holes on a multi-strand spacer bar.
16. Attach a different Jump Ring to the upper holes on a multi-strand spacer bar.
17. Cut a 3" length of wire, make a wrapped loop to attach it to the jump ring from step 16.
18. Pass the wire through a 6mm silver, nugget, 6mm silver and make another wrapped loop.
19. Use a Jump Ring to connect the wrapped loop from step 18 to the second beaded ring.
20. Repeat Steps 6-19 to complete the necklace.

Earrings Instructions

1. Connect a Jump Ring to the loop on the teardrop charm. Attach it to a 14mm large-hole bead.
2. Cut a 3" length of wire, pass it through the large-hole bead, then cross the wires above the bead so one wire is shorter than the other.
3. Coil the short wire 3-4 times around the other wire.
4. Pass the long wire through a 4mm bead and 6mm spacer, then make a small loop about ¼" above the bead.
5. Coil the wire around the base of the loop, down toward the spacer.
6. Attach an Ear Wire to the upper loop on the dangle.
7. Repeat Steps 1-6 to make a matching earring.