

the 7-in. wire is 3½ in. (9cm).

making the dangles

I used headpins to make dangles with the stone drop beads. If you don't have any headpins, you can use the same wire you've been using and make a small coil at the bottom to support your bead. For a spiral dangle, I used a 5-in. length of wire.

1 Follow the spiraling instructions in step 2 until the spiral is the desired size. Make a 90° angle with chainnose pliers (**photo g**).

2 Add a drop bead and make a small loop at the top. (see "Basics," p. 194). If you are using a heavy bead, allow some extra wire for a wrapped loop.

3 Adjust the angle of the coil on the bottom so it is centered against the bottom of the bead.

4 Attach the dangle to the smallest spiral as shown in **photo h**, or use a wrapped loop as in **photo i** (see "Basics"). This makes a great earring all by itself!

putting it together

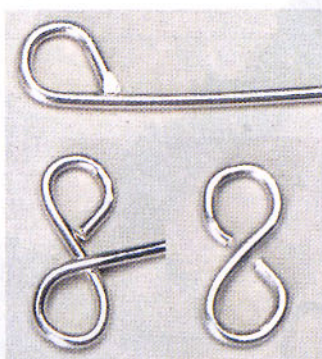
Connect the spirals with the S-links, working from largest to smallest by twisting the link loops opened and closed (see "Basics").

1 Open the loop of an S-link and slip it through the center loop of the largest spiral, then close the loop.

2 Open the other loop of the same S-link and slip it through the center loop of the next size spiral and close. The largest spirals should overlap the next set and so on down the line.

3 Connect the remaining spirals, including the smallest component with the dangle, the same way.

4 Use your fingers and chainnose pliers to even out



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materials

- 4½ ft. (1.2m) 22-gauge Wire, sterling silver dead soft for coils, 10 in. (25cm) for dangles
- 4 in. (10cm) 22-gauge Wire, sterling silver half-hard for earwires or 1 pair sterling earring findings with loop
- 2 ½-in. (1.3cm) Stone or glass drops
- 2 3mm Silver or small daisy spacers
- 2 Head pins

Tools: round- and chainnose pliers, wire cutter, ruler, needle file or sandpaper.

the spirals, then make the other earring.

earwires

Attach an earwire to the loop between the large spirals. The front of the finding should face the same direction as the front of the spirals. You can make an earwire by taking a 2-in. (5cm) length of wire and making a plain or over-rolled loop connected to the center loop of the largest spiral pair. (Half-hard wire is best for findings as it holds its shape better, but if you use half-hard wire for the spirals, they won't be as easy to bend.) Bend the wire up as if you were going to coil it around the loop, but instead wrap it in the other direction with roundnose pliers (**photo j**). Put a slight curve at the end of the earwire and trim to the desired length. You



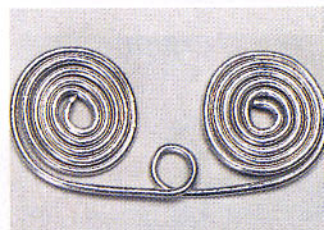
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should smooth the end with a needle file. If you don't have a file, rub the end of the wire on a piece of fine-grit sandpaper. Earwires must be free of sandpaper residue before you wear them. A little rubbing alcohol or soap and water will do the trick. ●

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