

Cascade and Icicle Earrings

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Cascade

Icicle

Cascade Earrings

(These are about 4" long)

Materials for 2:

2 (1/2") plastic rings (cabone rings)

2 (1") plastic rings (cabone rings)

6 Metal charms

2 shepherd's crook ear wires or clips

White thread size 20 (or use your choice on the size)

2 (3/4") plastic rings (cabone rings)

2 Star shaped jump rings

44 iridescent seed beads

2 plastic earring guards (backs)

Method:

String the beads onto the thread leaving 6-8 inches between the beads. I start with a full shuttle with the beads on it. If they are too far apart you can always unwind a bit and get them or unwind a bit and move them further apart if needed (I just guessed at a foot and had to bring them closer together.)

Using your favorite method to cover the cabone ring or use Jane Eborall's awesome tutorial:

<http://www.janeeborall.freesevers.com/CoveringCaboneRing.pdf>

Or Tamie Montgomery's video <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBNsSGrUButFIOu68ixY4aA>

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Ring 1: Hide the end at the start by tatting over it. Use ½" ring cover with 5 stitches, bring bead up to top against previous stitch. Repeat until half way around the cabone ring.

Ring 2: Join ¾" ring and charm then continue as before with 5 stitches between beads. Repeat until half way around the cabone ring

Ring 3: Join 1" ring and charm then continue as before with 5 stitches between beads. Repeat until half way around the cabone ring, add the 3rd charm and continue as before with the 5 stitches between beads. Join each ring as you continue to the top. Put in a floss threader/helper loop at the middle of the last ring to hide the end. Trim off. Add shepherd's crook and guard. Repeat for second earring.

Icicle Earrings

(These are about 3" long"

Materials for 2 earrings:

84 iridescent beads (see note for stringing)	2 ¾" cabone (or plastic) rings
2 ½" cabone (or plastic) rings	2 ¼" cabone (or plastic) rings
2 4mm jump rings (small jump rings)	2 shepherds crook ear wires or clips
2 earring guards or backs	

Note: These beads must be put on by putting the thread thru 5 beads from the top down, add 1 more bead, and put the thread thru the first 5 beads from the bottom up—it will keep the 5 beads together. Slide it a long way down the thread. Repeat leaving a foot or so between each 'drip' of beads. By slipping a finger between the threads between the bottom 2 beads you can easily adjust the placement.

Method:

Start with the ¾" bead. Start by adding the jump ring and then cover the cabone ring in 20 stitches then slide up a 'drip' of beads, continue covering the ring until half way around. Add the ½" ring and continue covering as before until about 1/3 the way around and slide up the second 'drip' of beads, continue covering the ring until half way around. Add the ¼" ring and cover 1/3 the way around add a 'drip' of beads, 3 stitches add 'drip' of beads, 3 more stitches, add 'drip' of beads, continue up to match the first side. Each ring should have a second join as you come to it.

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