

# “On The Fringe” Earrings



Featuring Beadalon's Famous Wrapper Findings  
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Take a walk on the wild side and make these beautiful fringed earrings featuring Beadalon's Wrapper findings embellished with intricate wire wrapping and colorful Czech glass beads.

o **Supplies needed:**

- o 20 Gauge Silver Plated Artistic Wire – About 3 Feet
- o 24 Gauge Silver Plated Artistic Wire – About 3 Feet
- o 26 Gauge Silver Plated Artistic Wire – About 12 Feet
- o Beadalon Wrappers – Diamond Shape
- o Czech Glass Teardrop Beads - 2 9x6mm, 2 17x11mm
- o Czech Glass Fire Polish Beads – 72 3mm, 24 4mm
- o Silver Plated 2 Inch 24 Gauge Headpins – 52-56
- o Sterling Silver or Silver Plated Earwires

o **Tools Needed:**

- o Chain Nose Pliers
- o Round Nose Pliers
- o Flush Cutters

# Step 1– Add the First Row of 3mm Czech Glass Beads



Cut a 4 foot piece of 26 gauge Artistic Wire. Begin by securing the wire to the Wrapper finding. Wrap two times around frame, Leaving a 5 inch tail. Make sure wire exits from underneath the frame. Then, wrap 2 times around first loop exiting from the back of the loop.

Cut a 9 inch piece of 20 gauge wire. Position 20- gauge wire parallel to the bottom left edge of the Wrapper, leaving 2 Inches on the left of the Wrapper. Wrap 26 gauge wire once OVER 20 gauge wire, holding it close to the loops on the Wrapper. String a 3mm bead on the 26 gauge wire and then wrap 1 time OVER the 20 gauge wire to secure. 26 gauge wire will be in the back. Bring 26 gauge wire to the front by pulling it between the 20 gauge wire and the loops on the Wrapper.

Thread 26 gauge wire through second loop on the Wrapper exiting from the back. Bring 26 gauge wire to the front by pulling it between the 20 gauge wire and the loops on the Wrapper. String the second bead. Wrap over the 20 gauge one time to secure. Bring 26 gauge wire to the front. Thread it through the third loop.

Continue to add beads in this manner until you have 10 beads added. You will need to skip 2 loops to keep the spacing right. I skipped #5 and #9.

## Step 2 – Wrap the Tails



Once all 10 beads are secure, continue wrapping the 26 gauge wire around the 20 gauge wire until you have 3 inches coiled on the piece exiting the bottom of the wrapper. Trim excess 26 gauge wire



Using the 5 inch tail you left when you started, wrap the 26 gauge around the 2 inch piece of 20 gauge wire 25 times. Trim excess 26 gauge wire.



This is what the piece should look like at this point in the project!



Trim the piece of 20 gauge with 25 wraps to 1 and  $\frac{1}{4}$  inches. Trim the piece of 20 gauge with 3 inches of wraps to 4 and  $\frac{1}{4}$  inches

## Step 3 – Make the First Coils



Using a chain nose plier, coil the 1 ¼ inch tail working clockwise. Be careful not to use the pliers on the wrapped part so you do not ruin the wraps.



Moving counter clockwise, coil the 4 ¼ inch tail. Start with the chain nose pliers and complete using your fingers so as not to ruin the wrapped part of the wire. Try to wrap as tightly as possible. You will get a better result.



Pull the center of the coil (the part that is not wrapped) out and press down in front of the bottom of your coil. I find this is easiest to do with my fingers, but you can use the chain nose plier to grasp the wire and move it.



Grasp the end of the coil with the chain nose pliers and pull straight down gently to elongate the coil.

# Step 4 – Add the Second Row of 3mm Czech Glass Beads



Cut a 7 inch piece of 20 gauge wire and a 2 foot piece of 26 gauge wire. Starting 2 inches from the left of the 20 gauge wire, wrap the 26 gauge wire 25 times OVER the 20 gauge wire. Bend 20 gauge wire into a 90 degree angle, just past the coiled section as shown.



Thread the 26 gauge wire front to back through the 3<sup>rd</sup> loop on the bottom right of the Wrapper. Bring 26 gauge wire to the front and wrap one time OVER the 20 gauge wire to secure. Section of wire should fit snugly against the loops of the Wrapper, but not cover them.



String a 3mm bead on the 26 gauge wire and then wrap 1 time over the 20 gauge wire to secure. 26 gauge wire will be in the back. Pull it to the front, bringing it between your 20 gauge wire and the loops on the Wrapper. Thread the 26 gauge wire through the fifth loop on the Wrapper exiting from the back.



Pull the 26 gauge wire to the front, bringing it between your 20 gauge wire and the loops on the Wrapper. String another 3mm bead and Wrap over the 20 gauge wire one time. Continue to add beads in this manner until you have 7 beads added. You will need to skip 3 loops to keep the spacing right. I skipped #4 #8 and #12.

# Step 5 – Making More Coils



Once you have secured the last bead, wrap UNDER the frame of the Wrapper 2 times, making sure the wire is exiting the back.



Wrap remaining 26 gauge wire 25 times around the 20 gauge wire to the right of the Wrapper.



Trim both ends of the 20 gauge wire to 1 ¼ inches using flush cutter.



Coil each end of the 20 gauge wire moving counter clockwise. Use your fingers to push the finished coils into position as desired. See bottom picture for an idea of how your piece should look at this point!

# Step 6 – Prepare the 9x6mm Drop



Thread a 4 inch piece of 24 gauge Artistic wire through the 9x6mm Czech glass drop. Pinch wire together at tip as shown.



Grasp wires with chain nose pliers where they come together and wrap one piece of wire around the other piece 2 times. Trim off excess wrapping wire with flush cutter.



Bend the remaining wire into a 90 degree angle.



Position round nose pliers just past the bend in the wire and make a basic loop. Work at a wider section on the jaw of the pliers so you get a larger loop as you will need to accommodate part of a coil inside this loop.



# Step 7 – Attach The Drop and Fringe.



Thread the end of the looped 24 gauge wire through the center of the coil, so the drop hangs from the loop.



Wrap the tail of the wire two times over the two coils you made at the top of the bead. Trim the wire so the cut edge falls to the back of the design. Use your chain nose plier to press down the wire if necessary.



String six (6) 4mm beads onto 2 inch, 24 gauge headpins. Attach as shown by making basic beaded headpin dangles. Start with the top left loop of the Wrapper and attach a bead to every other loop.



String 6 more 4mm Czech glass beads onto headpins and attach along the other side of the finding in the same manner.

# Step 8 – Attach the 17x11mm Drop



Thread a 12 inch piece of 24 gauge Artistic wire through the 17x11mm Czech glass drop. Pinch wire together and hold with chain nose pliers just above the tip of the bead. Start wrapping one wire around the other. Continue wrapping until wrapped section measures 7/8 inch. Bend wrapped wire into a 90 degree angle as shown (see inset picture).



Use round nose pliers to shape the coiled wire into a loop.



Thread both loose wire ends through the large center loop on Wrapper. Using the wrapped wire first, wrap 2 times around both wires under the loop and above the bead. Trim excess.



With the remaining wire, wrap over the top of the wraps you made in the previous step 2-3 times. Trim excess wire with flush cutters so that cut edge falls to the back of your design. Tuck ends in with chain nose pliers if necessary

# Step 10 – Make the Halo



Make 14 beaded dangles using 3mm Czech glass beads on 2 inch 24 gauge headpins. Attach 7 to the front side of the loop on the 17x11mm teardrop and 7 to the back side of the loop.



Make sure you attach the dangles to the loop while they are still open before you finish them off!



Wrap and trim excess wire neatly. Use chain nose pliers to tuck in ends if necessary.



This is what your halo should look like when you get all the dangles attached!

# Step 11- Finish Up



Optional: If you wish, you can make a few more beaded dangles with 3mm Czech glass beads and attach them to the large loop in the center of the Wrapper. This makes the sides look fuller!

Check for loose wires or untucked ends and make any final changes. Repeat steps 1-11 to make the second earring! Add earwires and you are done!



# Definitions and Terms

- o **Wrap** – One complete circle around a piece of wire.
- o **Over Wrap** – Wrap over and around.
- o **Under Wrap** – Wrap under and around.
- o **Basic Loop** – It is assumed for this tutorial that you know how to make a basic wire wrapped loop dangle. If you do not, take the time to learn this skill before starting this tutorial. You can find great videos on [www. JTV.com](http://www.JTV.com)!
- o **Coiling Wire** – Making coils or curly cues with wire is easy. (See step 3) Just start by making a small circle at the end of the wire with your chain nose pliers. Then wrap the rest of the wire around the starter loop!

# Tips

- o You will be working with long lengths of wire. Keep a wire straightener handy and use any time you think you might be getting a kink. Try to avoid jerking or tugging on the wire if it gets stuck. Patiently remove any obstacles or kinks and gently pull wire through tight spots.
- o Be the boss of your wire!! Don't let the wire do what it wants. Make sure to pay attention to where it is going and how it is behaving at all times
- o Wire has a memory. Once you wrap it in one place, it will be more difficult to unwrap it and change the positioning. You can do it, but you will need to be more careful the second time. Too many wraps and rewraps will stress the wire and cause it to break.
- o Work slowly and take breaks as needed! Mistakes happen when you are tired or impatient!
- o Don't be afraid to start a section over. This project is set up in sections. That way, if one section does not go too well, you can start that section over with out losing the hard work you completed on a precious section.