

## DESIGN WORKSHOP

### TURQUOISE DROP JEWELRY

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### Materials

- *Artistic Wire® Silver 20-gauge #10193633*
- *Bead Gallery® turquoise dyed teardrops #10444494*
- *small silver chain necklace*
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- *Tools*
- *Beadalon® Sparkle Round Nose Pliers #10121796*
- *Beadalon® Sparkle Chain Nose Pliers #10121794*
- *Beadalon® Wire cutters #JTNIP1*

#### **TEARDROP PENDANT**

1. Cut a 12" length of wire and string a teardrop bead about 2" from one end. Cross the wires above the point.
2. Use round-nose pliers to turn the short wire in a loop above the point of the bead.
3. Grasp the loop in the flat plane of the chain-nose pliers and coil the short wire around the base of the loop and the long wire.
4. Fold the long wire end downward from the loop and coil it over the original coil, downward around the pointed part of the bead.
5. Coil the wire upward around the base of the loop. Cut off any extra wire and press the wire end into the coil.
6. Repeat Steps 1-5 twice more. Choose the two dangles that are most similar and attach them to ear wires (see DIY Ear Wires).

7. Use chain-nose pliers to turn the loop on the remaining teardrop so it is facing the side. String it onto a necklace chain.

**EARRING VARIATION (USE 24" LENGTH OF WIRE)**

1. Cut a 4" length of wire and use round-nose pliers to turn a loop on one end.
2. Hold the loop against the ring mandrel, then wrap the wire around the mandrel to make a hook. Use your fingers or round-nose pliers to turn the wire end at a sharp outward angle.
3. Use wire nippers to cut off any extra wire, making sure to turn the flat "back" of the cutters against the wire that will be left behind so you get a nice, flush cut. (You may want to file the wire end lightly with a wire rounder or nail file.)