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Trashy Glass Earrings

The Trashy Glass Earrings are designed by Dale Wayne and can feature any type of beads or crystals. Trashy Glass Earrings uses recycled plastic from a water bottle, silver ear wires, and a few simple jewelry techniques.



Toolbox

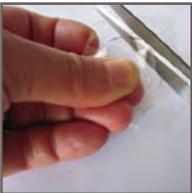
Embossing type heat gun or hair drier	Scissors	Beading tools: chain nose and round nose pliers, flush cutters	Fine tip permanent marker
Assorted beads and crystals	2 Ear wires	2 Head pins	Empty water bottles, clear or colored (Note: Thicker sports drink type bottles do not work well.)

Getting Started

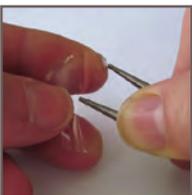
1. Cut off the label and the bottom of the water bottle.
2. Find a smooth area of the bottle. Using the bottle cap as a guide, trace 4 circles with a fine tip permanent marker.



3. Cut the circles out, trimming away the felt pen marks.



4. Make a hole in the center of each circle using an awl, pin or round nose pliers.



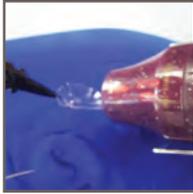
5. Cut 4 slits leaving 1/8" uncut next to the hole. The slits are equidistant from each other (Think 12, 3, 6, and 9 on a clock face.) Repeat for each of the pieces.





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- 6.** For this step, work outside or in a well ventilated area. Hold one of the pieces with a pair of pliers and warm using the embossing gun or hair dryer until the edges curl. You may have to practice to get just the shape you want. Hold the piece against a plate if you want to keep it flat. The longer the plastic is heated, the smaller and thicker the piece will become.



- 7.** Slide a pearl, bead or crystal onto the head pin.



- 8.** Take one curled disc and slide it curled side down onto a headpin. (You may need to reopen the hole in the disc.)

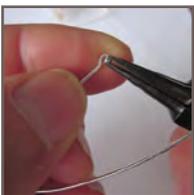


- 9.** Slide a second curled disc onto the headpin curled side up.

- 10.** Now you add your beads to finish the earring. Wire wrap the end.



- 11.** Open your earwire loop like a door, using your chain nose pliers.



- 12.** Add your trash to glass charm and close it up!

