

To add to the night-sky look, use crystals with an aurora borealis (AB) finish.

## WIREWORK

# Cosmic earrings

Star and crescent moon charms dangle from lengths of chain in these astronomical accessories. Crystals with an AB finish add to the “diamonds in the sky” feel.

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## stepbystep

**[1]** On a head pin, string a 4 mm crystal, and make a plain loop (Basics and **photo a**). Repeat to make five crystal dangles.

**[2]** Thread an eye pin through a pair of holes on the crystal slider. Repeat with a second eye pin and the other pair of holes. Cross the ends of the eye pins, and make a wrapped loop above the slider as if making a loop above a top-drilled bead (Basics and **photo b**).

**[3]** Cut the following lengths of chain:  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. (1.9 cm), 1 in. (2.5 cm),  $1\frac{1}{4}$  in. (3.2 cm). Open the loop (Basics) of one of the eye pins. Attach the end link of each chain, and close the loop (**photo c**). Repeat with the remaining eye pin.

**[4]** Open the jump ring attached to a star charm, attach it to a chain link, and close the jump ring (**photo d**). Repeat with a moon charm. Open the loops of the crystal dangles, and attach them to the chains as desired. Close the loops.

**[5]** Open the loop of an earring finding, attach it to the wrapped loop made in step 2, and close the loop.

**[6]** Make a second earring. ●



## materials

### pair of earrings

- 2 medium (12 mm) round crystal sliders (Jolee's Jewels™, 470010)
- 2 moon and 2 star charms (Jolee's Jewels, 470092)
- 10 4 mm bicone crystals, crystal AB (Jolee's Jewels, 469700)
- 13 in. (33 cm) fine chain (Metal Madness, 421900)
- 10 1-in. (2.5 cm) head pins
- 4 2-in. (5 cm) eye pins
- pair of earring findings
- 2 pairs of pliers
- roundnose pliers
- wire cutters