



# Decorative cones

Cones are a wonderful way to cap off a multistrand bracelet. They bring all the elements of a jewelry design together, making an otherwise easy-to-overlook finish a stylish focal point. – Nancy Valentine



Cones disguise less-than-perfect crimps or wobbly wrapped loops.



**1** Cut four pieces of beading wire (Basics). On each wire, center five 11° seed beads, two 10° seed beads, and five 11°s.



**2** On each end of each wire, string 1½–2 in. (3.8–5 cm) of 8° seed beads, five 11°s, two 10°s, and five 11°s. String 8°s until each strand is within 2 in. (5 cm) of the finished length



**3** Cut a 5-in. (13 cm) piece of 20- or 22-gauge wire. Make a wrapped loop on one end (Basics). Repeat with another piece of wire.



**4** On a pair of strands, string a crimp bead and a wrapped loop. Repeat with the remaining pair of strands. Repeat on the other end. Check the fit, allowing 2 in. (5 cm) for finishing, and add or remove beads if necessary. With each pair of strands, go back through the last few beads strung and tighten the wire. Crimp the crimp bead (Basics) and trim the excess wire.



**5** On each end, string a cone, an 8°, and a 10°. Make the first half of a wrapped loop. Attach half of a clasp and complete the wraps. ●

## Supply List

- 5 g 8° seed beads
- 1 g 10° seed beads
- 2 g 11° seed beads
- flexible beading wire, .014 or .015
- 10 in. (25 cm) 20- or 22-gauge half-hard wire
- 2 cones
- 4 crimp beads
- toggle clasp
- chainnose and roundnose pliers
- diagonal wire cutters
- crimping pliers (optional)

Check your local bead store for supplies.

## Earring options

Try single-strand loops with bicone crystals, or make multistrand earrings to match your necklace (finish both with cones, of course).

