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Tips
FOR

Making Day of the Dead Earrings or Dangles

What you'll need

- 2" or longer headpins (and eyepins for a boy)
- Various glass beads for the body, about 1" to 1 ½" in total height
- Angel wings
- Skull beads
- Bead caps or other small beads if desired
- For a boy with pants legs you'll also need two beads about ½" to 1" and two seed beads or drop beads for the feet
- Earwires for earrings



Basic Assembly

When you have the beads arranged as you want, place them on the headpin (for a girl) or eyepin (for a boy) and make a loop at the top with the remaining wire.



Pants Legs for a Boy

For the **boy**, the body beads are placed on the **eyepin** and the headpin is used for the legs. Place one foot and one pants leg bead on the **headpin**. Bend the headpin so you have an upside down "V".

Bring the headpin through the loop of the eyepin at the bottom of the body beads.

Place the remaining pants leg and foot bead on the headpin, and use pliers to make a loop around the foot bead. Use wire cutters to trim excess wire as necessary.



Notes

- Make smaller sizes and avoid especially heavy beads when making earrings.
- Remember to leave at least ½" at the end of each headpin or eyepin for making the end loops.
- When making larger pieces, cut longer lengths of craft wire for the body section, or use multiple eyepins to create two or more sections for the body.
- Look for beads that remind you of a special family member—perhaps a lot of sparkle and color, or round or thin. Attach charms or link more beads to the top loop to create a decorative headpiece.

