



Level of
design:
Intermediate



STARRY DROP EARRINGS

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What you'll need:

15x20cm 0.7mm Sterling Silver Sheet	CSA 070
Silver Hookwire with Cubic Zirconias	NVK 024
20mm Sterling Silver Diamond Cut Textured Blanks	NVJ 670X
5mm Heavy Silver Jump Rings	NVH H50
Medium Silver Solder Strip	CTC 500
Easy Silver Solder Strip	CTB 500
Doming Set	997 1642
Soldering Kit	999 096Q
Parallel Action Pliers	999 PR01
Saw Frame	999 3059
Grade 3/0 Saw Blades	972 070
Rawhide Mallet	997 3118
Technoflux Heat Insulating Paste	999 AAH
Cut 2 Three Square Needle File	976 140
Straight Shears	997 3003
Barrelling Machine	999 6025
Emery Papers (Grade 500, 1200, 2000)	973 070/973 090/973 110
Scissors	
Double Sided Tape	

1: MARK OUT THE STARS

Print out, or draw four different sizes of stars (two of each size) and cut out with scissors. Place some double sided tape on the 0.7mm Silver sheet and stick the stars on it.



2: CUT OUT THE STARS

Cut out the stars from the Silver sheet with a grade 3/0 saw blade.



3: PREPARE

File away the sharp edges with a three square file and some different grades of emery paper.



4: CREATE THE DOMES

Use a doming block and punch set to form the blanks into domes. You may need to anneal the blanks first to soften them before forming.

Form the domes into equal sizes.



5: SOLDER THE STARS

Place some flux on one side of the star and on the dome, and strip on a tiny pallion of medium solder. Place a few pieces of medium solder between the dome and the star and on a soldering board. Gently heat the piece until the solder flows. If the solder moves, you can push it back with a soldering pick. Put the earrings into the pickle, and once cleaned, repeat it with the rest of the stars.

