

Leather Earrings

Materials:

- Teardrop template
- Leather
- 6mm Jump ring
- Scissors (not included)
- Earring hook
- Pliers (not included)
- Nail and hammer (not included)

Instructions:

- Cut out your teardrop template right on top of the black line so that you don't see any line around the edge when you're done cutting. This is important because if the pattern is too big it will be difficult to get the leather at the top through the jump rings.
- Grab the leather and find the side that you want to be the back of the earrings. Lay the back side face-up and trace the teardrops with a dark ink pen.
- With your pen or other writing utensil, poke through the two dots at the top to mark where you will poke the holes for the ring.
- Using sharp scissors, cut out the two leather earrings. Make sure you cut right on top of the line, or just ever-so-slightly slightly inside it. That way you won't see the ink line on the backside of the earrings when you're done.
- Punch the two holes in each earring either by poking the nail through or hammering it in. If you hammer the nail, be sure that you have a soft surface underneath so that you don't rough up your table!
- If you would like to personalize your earrings by cutting or painting them, now's your chance. You can cut fringe on the side for a feather look, tape lines and paint with metallic paint, cut vertical fringe, or just leave them plain. See some examples below!



- Now you will put the jump ring through the holes. The jump ring is already opened for you to make things a bit easier, but you still might need a pair of pliers to help get it in and closed.
- Make sure the jump ring comes forward and over the top of the earrings and not through the backside. Having the jump ring connect the two holes by going over the top of the earring is what creates the pinched look at the top. (See picture 1)
- Before closing the jump ring make sure you attach the earring hook. There should be a little loop at the base of the hook you can pass through the jump ring. (See picture 2)
- Now you're good to close the jump ring. To do this, use your pliers to squeeze the sides of the jump ring and bring them back together as tightly as you can. I've also used scissors to do this, clamping the blades on both sides and gently squeezing the scissors... but please be careful if you try this.
- If you want to reduce the risk of the hook falling off, twist the jump ring so that the split is at the bottom, opposite of where the earring hook is.

