

Cascading carnelian

Create the tiered appearance of chandelier crystals in this elegant set

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Jewelry designers are especially receptive to color, shape, and texture. In a sea of gems, an artist will fish for the ones that draw his or her attention. Displayed like ripe fruit hanging from branches, the punchy citrus color and plump pear shape of these carnelian beads made them an irresistible inspiration for the delicate chandelier-frame design of these earrings. The pattern is repeated in the bracelet, with carnelian beads and thin silver wire connecting the elements.

The wire frames are shaped and soldered together, and handmade silver balls are precisely placed to add ornate detail to the set. The finishing touches include suspending carnelian beads from the frames with wrapped loops and attaching a matching, handmade clasp to the bracelet.

Editor's Note: The designer used metric measurements when creating this set. To maintain accuracy, we chose not to include conversions in English units.

► Solder wire and form silver balls to create this delicate bracelet and earring set.

