

# Found Object Jewelry (...from household items)

The Found Object assignment is about finding items in your house and creating a piece of jewelry from them. You just need one piece of jewelry (a ring, bracelet, earrings etc.) and a self-critique / reflection that is at least a paragraph.

There aren't any directions, because you never know what you'll find. After you find it, it is up to you to think of what you can make with what you have.

My example of jewelry made from found objects / household items consisted of a pair of earrings. I made them from a zip lock box snack size for the example - I cut out the word snack from all over the box (it was on all four sides and they were all the same size) and glued them back to back. I poked a hole in the top of each with a needle. I then took two matching twist ties and made earring hooks. I attached those to the snack earrings...I thought it needed more, therefore, I looked at the box and saw that there were pictures of pretzels on it. I cut out two pretzels and poked holes in the top of them. I poked holes in the bottom of each of the snack pieces and hung the pretzel picture off of the bottom using matching twist ties.



## RUBRIC:

- 1 piece of jewelry made from found objects in your house
- 1 self-critique / reflection (at least a paragraph)

**Total amount of points available for this assignment: 4 points**

## HERE ARE SOME MORE EXAMPLES / IDEAS...

When it comes to buttons, everyone has a stash in the house that would require weeks of sewing to use. Why not make some adorable DIY jewelry with them instead? The [Cute Cascading Button Earrings](#) are a great way to use up those pretty colored buttons that you can't bring yourself to throw away.

These Berry Sweet Earrings are sure to be loved by anyone lucky enough to wear them! Made using a variety of pink, red, yellow, and orange buttons, these super sweet earrings are easy and budget-friendly. They would be great for girls of all ages...and if you're feeling extra creative, you could easily make a matching charm bracelet or necklace to go with these precious button earrings.



### Materials:

- 6-8 cm of thin silver chain (the more chain you use, the longer the earrings will get)
- Assortment of lavender and light green buttons
- 10-12 Jump Rings
- 2x Earring Hooks
- Chain Nose Pliers
- Wire Cutters

### Instructions:

1. I started by gathering all my supplies. Then I cut my thin silver chain 2x 3cm.
2. Taking my chain nose pliers, I bent open my jump rings. I thread one open jump ring through each button then attach it to the chain.
3. Once all my buttons had been attached to the chain, I checked it twice to make sure that they looked balanced, and well spaced out. Then attached them to the earring hooks with my chain nose pliers.

The [Thrifty Chevron Earrings](#) are a dream come true for crafters on a budget. Using bobby pins and nail polish, this DIY earrings tutorial gives you chic glamor for almost no cost. You can use any colors you have on hand for this fabulous design, and these cute earrings will grab compliments wherever you wear them.

Gather those bobby pins you have lying around and turn them into your new favorite accessory! With a little paint and a touch of your own creative flair, you can jazz up any outfit with these bobby pin earrings. Pair 'em with a simple black top for a bold statement or add a little spunk to your favorite outfit. Best of all, you'll always end up with a one-of-a-kind pair when you DIY.



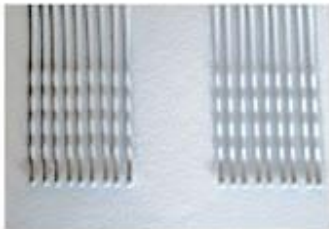
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## DIY: Chevron Earrings

from bobby pins

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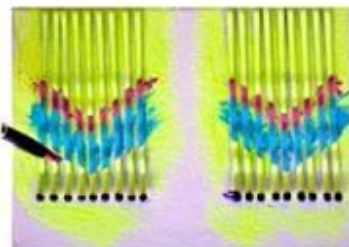
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**Materials:** Bobby Pins — Piece of Cardstock or Cardboard — White Spray Paint or Nail Polish — Acrylic Paint or Nail Polish (colors of your choice) — Clear Nail Polish — 2 Thin Pieces of Wire — Earring Hooks — Paintbrush — Pencil

**Steps:**

- Clip bobby pins onto a piece of cardstock separating each slightly from one another.
- Apply a layer of white spray paint or nail polish as a primer. Let dry and do the other side.
- Paint pins your desired base color with paint or nail polish. Let dry and do the other side.
- Lightly sketch your design onto both sides of pins.
- Paint design onto pins with paint or nail polish. Let dry and do the other side.
- Apply a layer of clear nail polish to seal the paint and add a glossy finish.
- Create a triangle shape with the wires, twisting the edges together to close.
- When completely dry, remove pins from the cardstock and run them through the wires.
- Attach earring hooks to the wires and voilà!