



EASY BEADED-TEARDROP EARRING

[“There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power.”](#)

—Washington Irving

Tears are commonly associated with expressions of emotion. Most of us would accept the idea that shedding tears may be beneficial to your health. However, what most of us don't know is that there are three different types of tears and that each type of tear has a different chemical constitution.

There are Reflex tears that are shed as a reaction to stimulus, such as when a bug flies into your eye. This type of tear is made up mostly of water. Basal tears constantly lubricate and protect the eye. And finally, there are Emotional tears, which are secreted when we are overcome by emotion. Emotional tears have been found to contain stress hormones and as well as other toxins. Interestingly, humans are the only creatures known to produce emotional tears.

The teardrop shape is associated with water dripping (out of a faucet or off a plant leaf). For jewelry, this shape is considered a classic and dramatic design that radiates an elegant and fashionable charm.

I have written a free beaded-teardrop earring pattern to share with you. The teardrop has always been one of my favorite earring shapes and I have wanted to create this form in crochet for some time now. Make one for yourself or as a gift to a special person.

Once you have tried this, if you have any suggestions on how to improve the final product, please let me know at mindandmuse@gmail.com.

MATERIALS:

- Aunt Lydia's #10 mercerized cotton or Omega #2 nylon thread in the color of your choice (I used Artiste #10 100% mercerized Egyptian cotton in the Spring colorway for the sample worked in this photo tutorial.)
- 1.5 mm crochet hook
- 0.6 mm hook
- 28 - size 6 or 8 seed beads in a coordinating color with your thread. (I used size 8 Czech seed beads in Metallic Silver for the sample worked in this tutorial.)
- Two earring wires of your preference
- scissors
- needle for weaving in ends
- 2 flat nose pliers (if using fish hook ear wires)

GAUGE: It has not been established for this pattern. However, a consistent tension is desirable for a neat finish.

STITCHES – The pattern is written in **US terminology**.

sl st - slip stitch
sc - single crochet
hdc - half double crochet
dc - double crochet
ch - chain stitch

EXPERIENCE LEVEL

- Beginner and above.

PROJECT NOTES:

- If you use a thicker yarn or a larger hook your earring will be longer and wider, but the hole of your bead may be too small for your hook and thread to go through. Check before starting.
- Beginning ch 1 does not count as a stitch.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Make a magic loop. Then make 8sc in the magic loop. Join to first stitch of round with a sl st. ch 1 (8 sc)
- 2) [1sc in the first stitch, ch 2, 1 sc] 1sc in the next stitch, *2sc in the next st, 1sc in the next st* Repeat from * to * 2 more times. Join to first stitch of round with a sl st. ch 1 (12 sc, chain 2 space)



- 3) 1sc in first st, [1sc, ch 3, 1sc] in the ch 2 space, 1sc in next st, *2hdc in the next st, 1hdc in the next st*, Repeat from * to * 3 more times, 2 hdc, 1sc, Join to first stitch of round with a sl st. ch 1 (5 sc, 14 hdc, chain 3 space)



- 4) 1 hdc in the next two st, [1hdc, ch 3, 1hdc] in the ch 3 space, hdc in the next two st, 2 hdc, hdc, [1hdc, 1 dc] in next st, *1 dc, 2 dc, 2 dc*, Repeat from * to * 1 more time. 1 dc, [1 dc, 1 hdc] in the next st, hdc, 2 hdc, 1 hdc in the next two stitches. Join to first stitch of round with a sl st. (16 hdc, 13 dc, chain 3 sp)



- 5) 3 sl st to reach ch 3 space. ch 1, 5sc in the ch 3 space. 1 sc in next st.
- 6) Extend your loop a bit, remove 1.25 mm hook. With 0.6 mm hook pick up a seed bead and pull the extended loop through the bead. Using your 1.25 mm hook, 1sc in the stitch under the bead, 1sc in the next stitch.



- 7) Repeat step 6 all the way around your teardrop. Sl st into the first sc of the round. Fasten off and weave in ends.

- 8) Repeat steps 1 - 7 for second earring.
- 9) Using flat nose pliers attach ear wires to middle sc of each chain space of each earring.

