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## SWITCH, WEAR, REPEAT



Today, [Jennifer](#) shares a fabulous find for ladies who love switching up their accessories. Read on to learn more about the [Switch Gear Kit](#), a cool and artsy interchangeable earring kit designed by local metalsmith Lisa Monahan, as well as to learn how to be one of **two winners to receive a Switch Gear Kit** (entry closes March 15).

*From Jennifer:*

As an accessory-lovin' gal, I was thrilled to have the opportunity to evaluate the [Switch Gear Kit](#), a cool and artsy interchangeable earring kit. At first glance, this small, stackable earring kit looks part craft project, part jewelry case, but judging by the overall design and contents, it's no surprise it was developed by a jewelry artist, metalsmith, and former architect. The kit is designed to give you tons of options to create your own earrings using various combos of interchangeable hoops, silver chains, and funky architectural materials such as metal and even rubber hoops (the tortoise shell hoops are my favorite so far). It comes with two lever-back earring sets that serve as blank canvases for 100+ possible earring creations. It may take a few extra seconds to "build" your earrings each time, but it makes for fun experimentation and the kit includes a chart that provides lots of ideas to get you started.

I've used the Switch Gear Kit several times to stylish effect; I recently created a pretty silver chain combo for a date night with my husband, and wore a pair of earrings from the kit to a playgroup with a bunch of my mom friends and got several compliments. I then revealed the kit at the playgroup and my friends and I had fun brainstorming different combos together and agreed that: 1) the kit provides a very cool and fun way to dress up your jewelry box; and b) we really liked that the architectural materials offer a funky departure from the normal jewelry offerings you might find in general women's stores, the mall, and in catalogs. We also agreed that for the right person (e.g., artsy friend), the kit would be a fantastic gift.

However, there are a couple of things to consider. First, one must be equipped with the creative flair and patience to spend the few extra minutes (OK, seconds) to create the earrings you want for the day. Though the kit includes a chart, it would be great if the chart included even more combination ideas to accommodate those who are time and/or creatively challenged. Second, the \$80 price tag definitely feels like a bit of an investment, though ultimately, it's a great deal if you consider the cost-per-pair analysis.

In sum, the Switch Gear Kit is a cool and unusual find for fashion forward, creative friends. Also excellent? Switch Gear donates a portion of every sale to an organization that supports survivors of domestic violence. It's a gift that keeps on giving.

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Now, want to be one of **two winners to receive a Switch Gear Kit**? Here's how:

- Visit the [Switch Gear Kit retailer page](#), then [email contests@bostonmamas.com](mailto:email_contests@bostonmamas.com) (with 'Switch Gear' in the subject), and name a shop where you can purchase the Switch Gear Kit.
- One entry permitted per person; US entrants welcome to enter.
- Entry period closes at midnight EST, Monday, March 15, 2010.

\*Two lucky winners (drawn using Random.org) will receive Switch Gear products; one will receive the classic Switch Gear Kit (\$80 value) and one will receive the Tween Switch Gear Kit (\$45 value).



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## Comments

I love the idea, that you can use the same jewelry over and over to create new styles.

Posted by: Diane Baum | [March 11, 2010 1:51 PM](#) |

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Posted by: susan varney | [March 11, 2010 7:06 PM](#) |

Wow! I love variety and the combos are endless!

Posted by: DArlene Alexander | [March 11, 2010 9:33 PM](#) |

If you find it too complicated to make new earrings every time, just make 2 pairs and never change them and still you have unique, self-customized sterling silver plus jewelry for only \$40/pair - a total bargain!

Posted by: Becky | [March 13, 2010 7:29 PM](#) |

I love the Switch Gear earring kit - it's never the same-old, same-old earrings. There are new combinations every day...and I love supporting a local artist!

Posted by: Martha | [March 14, 2010 5:54 PM](#) |

All good news here - support a local artist, who supports an awesome cause, and makes you look fabulous every day, all at the same time! And the tween kit inspires young(er) minds, and lets them know they are giving back, too.

What's not to love?!

Posted by: Kim | [March 15, 2010 12:21 PM](#)