

PASTEL BLOSSOM EARRINGS

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SUPPLY LIST

- Size 11/0 Miyuki Delicas, 3-4 grams
- 6mm fire polish beads, qty: 10
- 2mm fire polish beads, qty: 10
- Ear wires - 1 pair
- Jump rings or chain
- Fireline beading thread

TOOLS

- Flush cutters
- Chain nose pliers
- Beading needle, size 10 or 11
- Thread burner (optional) or scissors

INTRODUCTION

In this tutorial, we'll guide you step-by-step through creating beautiful, blossom-shaped earrings using an enchanting blend of pastel-hued fire polish beads and the precision of Miyuki Delica beads. These delicate earrings are perfect for adding a touch of spring and shimmer to your winter day!

WATCH THE VIDEO

There is a YouTube video walking you through this tutorial at:

<https://youtu.be/9TxYLoG4ybl>



This step-by-step tutorial is accompanied by a how-to video guide, showing all the steps to complete stitching the earrings.

HOW TO CREATE THE EARRINGS

Step 1. Start with 50-inches (127cm) of beading thread. Leaving a 7-inch tail, string a 6mm fire polish bead and pass back through that bead, forming a thread bridge on the outside of the bead.

String an 11/0 Delica. Repeat this step to add a total of five fire polish and five Delica beads. See Diagram 1.

Step 2. Pass through the first fire polish bead, where the tail is exiting. Pull to form a ring.

Weave through all the beads once more, stopping when you reach the tail. See Diagram 2.

Tie a double knot with the tail thread. Pull tightly, and the knot should hide inside the fire polish bead.

Step 3. Pass through the next fire polish bead. String two Delicas and needle under the thread bridge of that fire polish bead and back up through the second Delica bead. See Diagram 3.

Step 4. Brick Stitch Three More Beads

String one Delica, needle under the thread bridge, then up through the bead.

Repeat this step twice more. You should have a total of five brick-stitched beads above the fire polish bead.

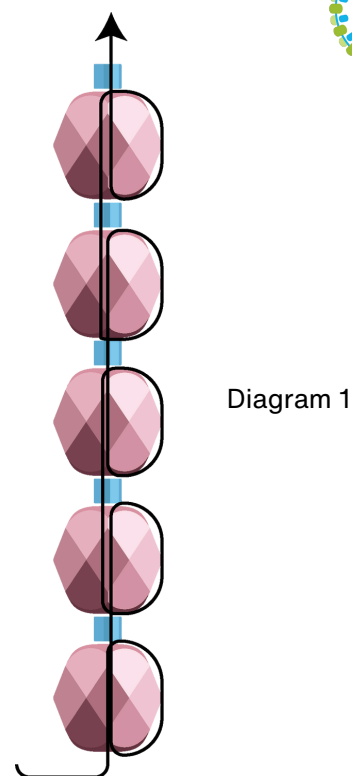


Diagram 1

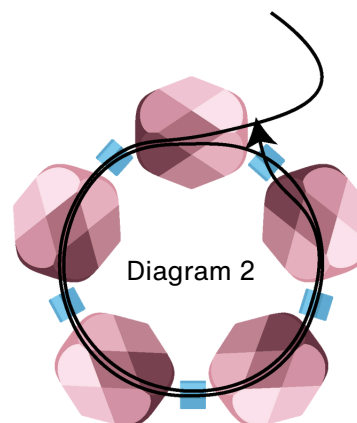


Diagram 2

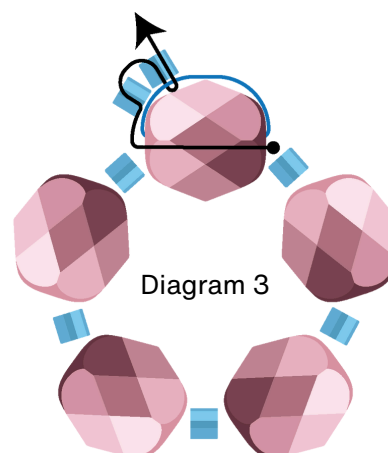


Diagram 3

Step 5. Add a 2mm fire polish bead

String a 2mm fire polish bead and a Delica bead. Skip to the next 6mm fire polish and needle under the thread bridge that runs against it.

Come back up through the Delica bead. Next, repeat Step 4 to add four more Delica beads brick stitched to the fire polish bead's thread bridge (Diagram 4).

Step 6. Finish the design by repeating Steps 4 and 5 on all of the fire polish.

When you reach the last bead, string one more 2mm fire polish and join to the first Delica above the first fire polish by passing down through that bead (Diagram 5).

Step 7. Create a Loop for the ear wire

Weave up to exit from the next Delica. String four Delicas. Skip the next Delica and pass down through the next.

Needle under the thread bridge to come back up through the beads and reinforce the loop (Diagram 5).

Step 8. To weave in thread

Follow the existing thread path through the beads, making turns that include the brick stitch turns, using the thread bridges a few times.

Trim the remaining thread. You can trim the tail thread outside the 6mm fire polish bead.

Step 9. Attach an ear wire

Open the loop on an ear wire using chain nose pliers. Connect to the top loop of four jump rings or short length of chain. Link the bottom of the jump ring or chain to the top loop of the earring.

Enjoy the beautiful earrings you've created!

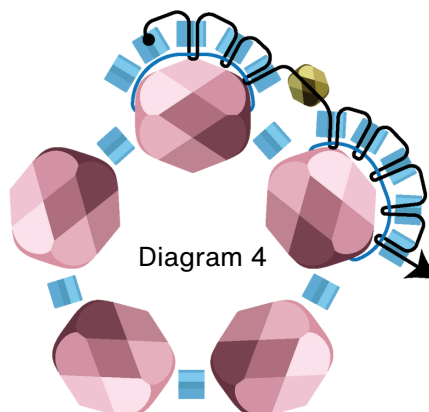


Diagram 4

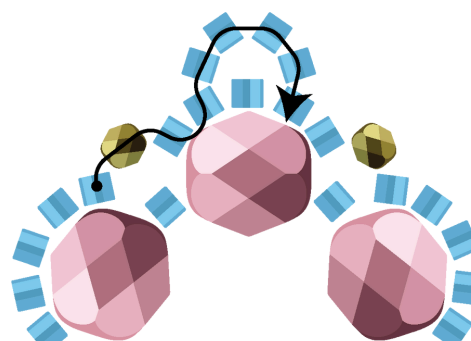


Diagram 5



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