



HOOP-STAR EARRINGS 2.0

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Ginkos beads are now the star attraction in the ring.

Skill level: Confident beginner and up

Techniques: Stitching with two-hole beads

Finished length: 2"

MATERIALS

- 0.5 grams size 15° seed beads
- 16 size 11° seed beads
- 16 GemDuos
- 16 Ginkos
- 16 SuperDuos
- 2 size 40mm ear hoops with inner top loop
- Pair of ear wires
- 6lb. Fireline™
- Size 11 beading needle
- Scissors/Pliers



TIPS:

- Check that all holes of any two-hole beads are clear before stitching.
- Be careful not to skip any beads when retracing a thread path.
- Second thread paths are not shown in the illustrations.

COMPONENT

FIGURE 1

Step 1 (red thread). Thread one yard of Fireline on a needle. String eight SuperDuos. Sew through all the SuperDuos again to form a circle, and knot the threads leaving a small tail. Sew away from the knot through one bead and step up by reversing direction through the open hole of the same SuperDuo. Weave in and trim the tail.

Step 2 (black thread). String one GemDuo and sew through the next SuperDuo. Repeat seven more times. Sew through all the beads again and step up by reversing direction and sewing through the top hole of the first GemDuo strung.

FIGURE 2

Step 3. String one 15°, one Ginko (curved end), six 15°s and sew through the second hole (tip) of the Ginko. String one 15° and sew through the next GemDuo.

Step 4. Repeat Step 3 seven more times. Continue through to exit the first three 15°s over the first Ginko added in Step 3.

ATTACH COMPONENT TO HOOP

FIGURE 3

Step 5. Position the component inside the ear hoop with a Ginko lined up directly underneath the inside loop. **NOTE:** Make sure that the GemDuos are right side up before stitching.

Step 6. String one 11°. Sewing from the front to the back, sew through the loop and back through the 11°. Continue through the next eleven beads (three 15°s, Ginko, 15°, GemDuo, Ginko, and three 15°s over the Ginko).

Step 7. String one 11°, sew over the hoop (from front to back) and sew back through the 11° just added. Continue through the next eleven beads as outlined in Step 6.

Step 8. Repeat Step 7 six more times to attach each Ginko around the hoop.

Step 9. Following the existing thread paths of Figures 2 and 3, sew again through all the beads to reinforce the connections of the component to the hoop. Secure the thread within the beadwork and trim the excess.

Step 10. Use pliers to attach an ear wire to the outside loop of the earring hoop.

Make your second earring!



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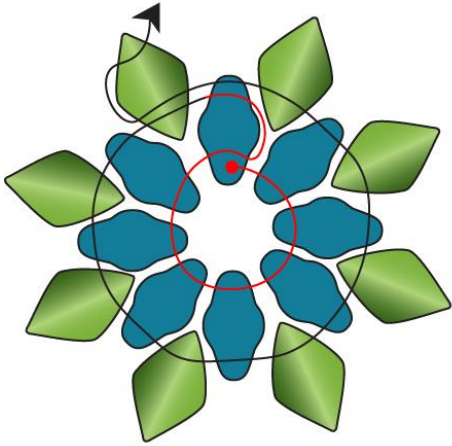


FIGURE 1

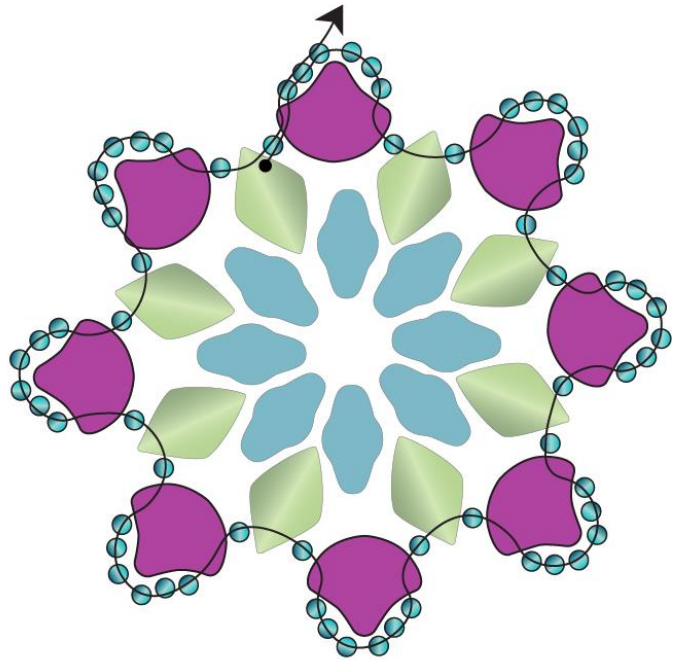


FIGURE 2

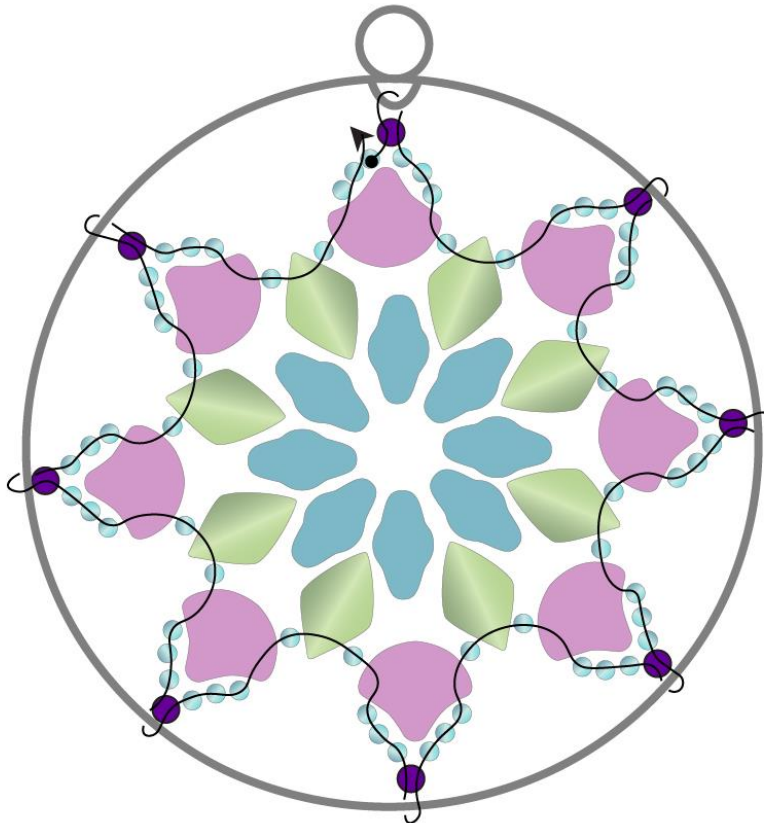
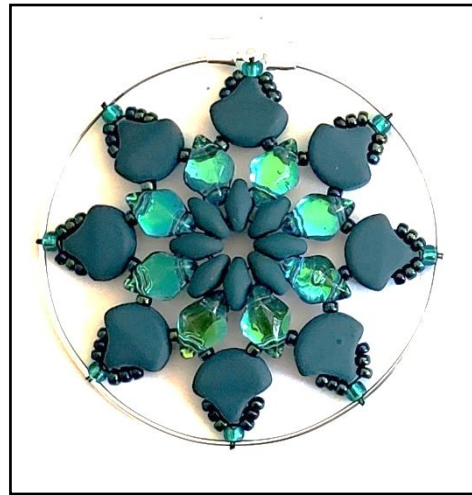


FIGURE 3

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HOOP-STAR EARRINGS 2.0 COLOR COMBOS

Matte velvet dark teal – Ginkos
Matte velvet dark teal – SuperDuos
Backlit aquasol – GemDuos
Metallic dark blue iris – size 15° rounds
Silver lined teal – size 11° rounds



Matte velvet mustard – Ginkos
Matte velvet mustard – SuperDuos
Backlit tequila – GemDuos
Duracoat galv dark berry – size 15° rounds
Duracoat op dyed kumquat – size 11° rounds

Matte velvet lizard green – Ginkos
Matte velvet lizard green – SuperDuos
Backlit hazel sun – GemDuos
Dark blue lined green AB – size 15° rounds
Duracoat galv dark mint green – size 11° rounds

