

Flowering Ginko Bracelet & Earrings

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This cute bracelet and earring set is fast and fun to stitch with my modified peyote and netting!

Skill Level: Intermediate and up

Techniques to know: Peyote stitch, netting, familiar with two-holed beads

Finished size: 6.5 to 7.5 inches in length

MATERIALS

For Bracelet

- GK (Ginko) Bead = 28-32
- HC (Honeycomb)= 22-24
- Minos = 24-28
- 3mm bicones = 4
- 15/0 = 2.5 grams
- Size 11 or 10 Needle
- 8lb thread
- Toggle Clasp

For Earrings

- GK Bead = 16
- HC = 2
- Minos = 6
- 4mm bicones = 12
- 15/0 = 1 grams
- 11/0 = 14 beads
- Size 11 or 10 Needle
- 8lb thread
- Earwires

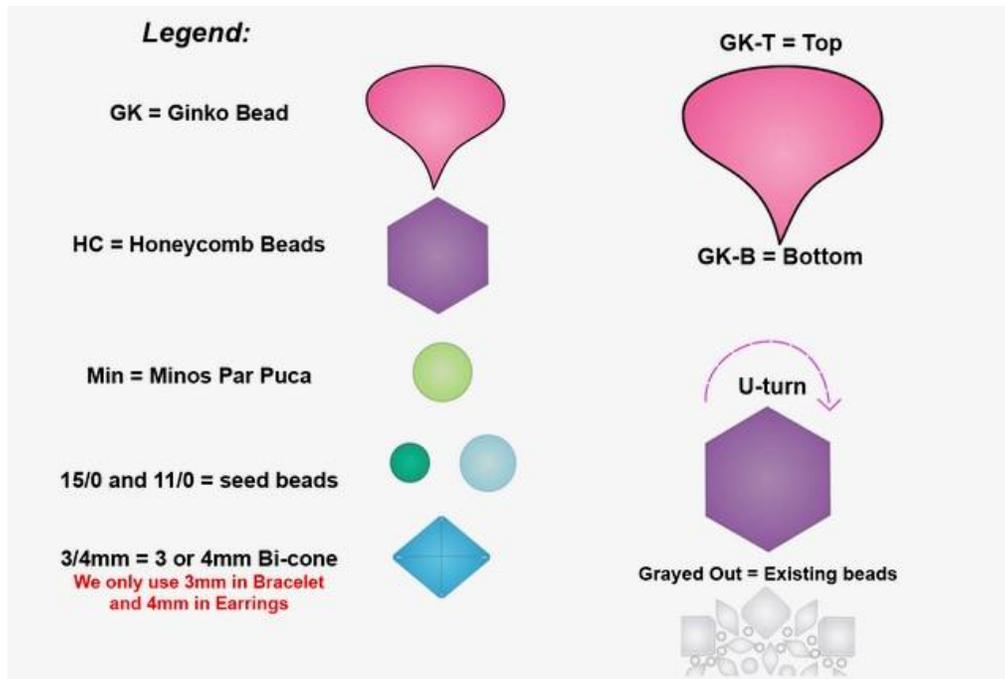
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Introduction

In this design we use Ginko, Honeycomb, and Minos beads, and add some sparkle with crystal bicones. Two-hole beads need special attention. Refer to the key to my shorthand with my diagrams on the last pages of this tutorial to help guide you along. We will sew through everything two or three times but I still recommend 8lb thread as these beads can be hard on thread and have more weight. We use snug tension but not too tight with this cuff and it can be made in just a few hours. See step 3 for info on length as well as last step when adding clasp. Remember to check all holes for chips and plugs before you start.

Enjoy!



Bracelet strap

Use 12-14 feet thread to make the bracelet. Add a stop bead leaving an 8-inch tail to add clasp later.

Step 1. Pick up a GK-T, a HC, a GK-B, and five 15/0s. U-turn over top of the GK and sew through the open hole. Pick up a HC. Sew through the open hole of the first GK picked up. Pick up five 15/0s. U-turn on the GK and sew through all to exit this same GK before the 15/0s.

Step 2. Pick up a Minos and a GK-T. Sew through the open hole on the HC. Pick up a GK-B and a Minos. Sew down through the GK, HC and GK from the last step. Sew through all again and forward to exit the top of the second GK just added in this step.

Step 3. Pick up five 15/0s. U-turn through the open hole on the GK. Pick up a HC. Sew through the open hole of the GK below. Pick up five 15/0s. U-turn over the GK, sew through the open hole and sew through all the beads to exit the bottom GK before the 15/0s.

Repeat Steps 2 and 3 to add eight HCs for a 6.5-inch section or nine HCs for a 7.5-inch section. Go to the next step to add our center flower.

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Center flower

Step 4. After the last HC is added to your strap, do not sew through the GK. Sew to exit the HC and U-turn on it. Pick up a 15/0 and a HC seven times. Pick up a 15/0. Sew through the last strap HC to form a HC "flower" circle. Sew through all the beads again and exit the first 15/0 added.

Step 5. Note: Step 5 has two diagrams. Beginning of Round: Pick up four 15/0s. Sew through the next 15/0 in the HC loop and back through the fourth 15/0 just added. Repeat this all around. End of round: At the last set of four 15/0s, sew back through the fourth 15/0 and forward through the first set of four 15/0s and through the original HC flower made in Step 4. Sew forward and U-turn on the HC at the strap. Sew forward to exit the GK before the 15/0s.

Step 6. Pick up a 15/0. Sew through the open hole of the next HC. Pick up a 15/0, 3mm, and 15/0. Sew through the next HC and repeat for the next gap as well. Pick up a 15/0 and a GK-T. Sew through the next HC. Pick up a GK-B and a 15/0. Sew through the next HC. Add a 15/0, 3mm, and 15/0 in the next two gaps. Pick up a 15/0. Sew through the GK from the strap and all beads again. Sew forward to exit out the top of the second GK added in this step.

Repeat the strap instructions starting with Step 3 using the same number of HCs as the first side.

Clasp

Step 7. Pick up three 15/0s. Sew through the open hole of the last HC. Pick up two 15/0s, an 11/0 or crystal, five to seven 15/0s and half of the clasp. Sew back through the 11/0 or crystal. Pick up two 15/0s. Sew back through the HC. Pick up three 15/0s. Sew through the first hole of the end HC. Sew through all the beads again to secure. Secure thread within bracelet and trim excess.

Repeat Step 7 using the tail thread on the first HC to add the other half of the clasp. If you made the 6.5-inch version, using a 3mm or 4mm crystal here will add length. If you made the 7.5-inch version and do not want to add length, use an 11/0 or 15/0 to loop the beads.

Earrings:

On 3-feet of thread add a stop bead leaving 4-inch tail.

Step 8. Pick up a GK-B and three 15/0s. U-turn over the top. Pick up a GK-T, an 11/0, and a 15/0. Skip the 15/0 and sew back through the 11/0 and the first GK added (Diagram BLACK thread).

Pick up a GK-B and three 15/0s. U-turn over the top. Pick up one HC. Sew through open hole of second GK added. Pick up a GK-T, 11/0, and 15/0. Skip the 15/0 and sew back through the 11/0 to exit the top GK (Diagram RED thread).

Pick up a GK-B and five 15/0s. U-turn over the top. Pick up a GK-T. Sew through the open hole of the HC. Pick up a GK-T. Sew through the open hole of the bottom GK. Pick up an 11/0 and a 15/0. Skip the 15/0 and sew through the 11/0 to exit the GK on top right of the HC (Diagram PURPLE thread).

Pick up three 15/0s. U-turn on the GK. Pick up a GK-T. Sew through the open hole of the GK below. Pick up an 11/0 and a 15/0. Skip the 15/0 and sew back through the 11/0 to exit the top of the new GK. Pick up three 15/0s. U-turn on the GK. Pick up an 11/0 and a 15/0. Skip the 15/0 and sew through the 11/0 and through ALL beads to exit the first GK picked up at the stop bead (Diagram BLUE thread).

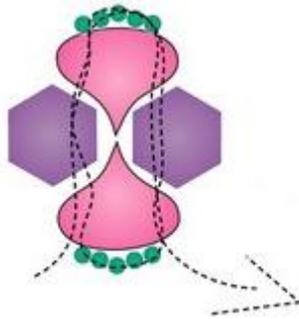
Step 9. Remove the stop bead. Pick up an 11/0 and a 15/0. Skip the 15/0 and sew through the 11/0, GK, and three 15/0s on top of the GK just exited. Pick up three 15/0s and sew through the next existing set of three 15/0s. Pick up three 15/0s and sew through the first three 15/0s of the set of five 15/0s on the top GK. Pick up four to six 15/0s and form a loop by sewing through the same 15/0 that the thread is exiting. Add three 15/0s between each existing set on the GKs to frame the rest of top. Exit out the 11/0 and 15/0 under the GK.

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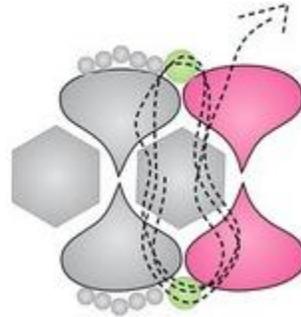
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Step 10. Pick up a 4mm. Sew through next 15/0. Repeat once more. Pick up a 4mm, 11/0, and three Minos. Sew through all three Minos again to snug up and group under the 11/0. Pick up a 4mm. Sew through the 15/0 going up other side. Repeat twice more. Sew through and end thread and tail. Attach your ear wire to the seed bead loop. Make a second earring for a matched set.

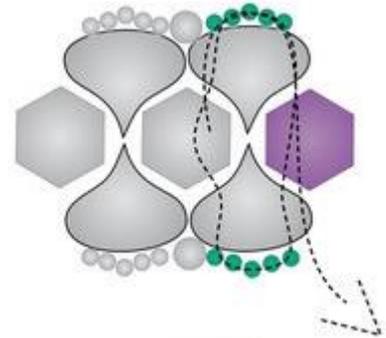
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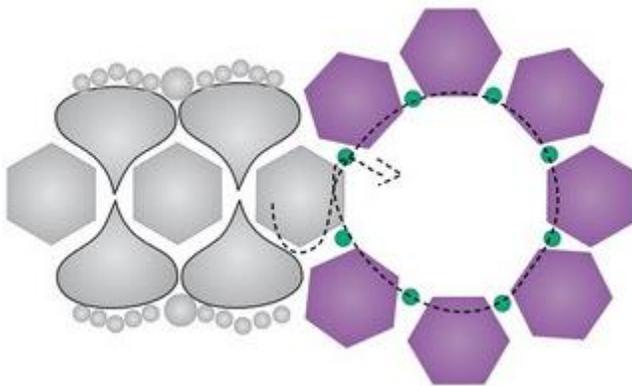
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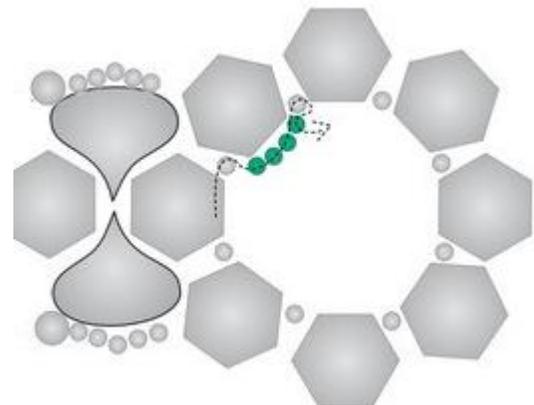
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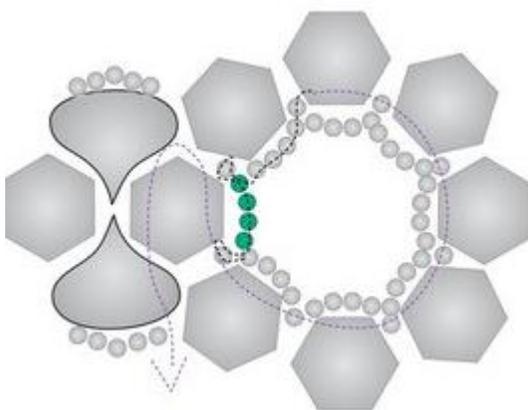
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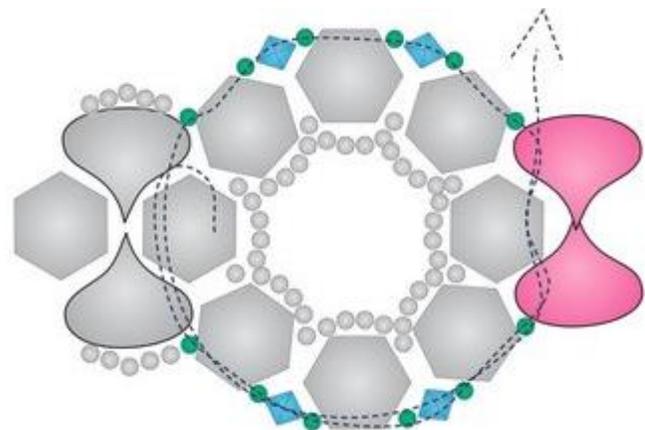
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Step 5 (beginning of row)



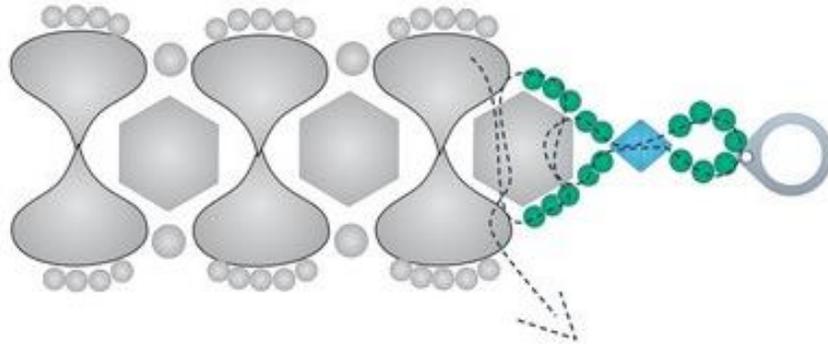
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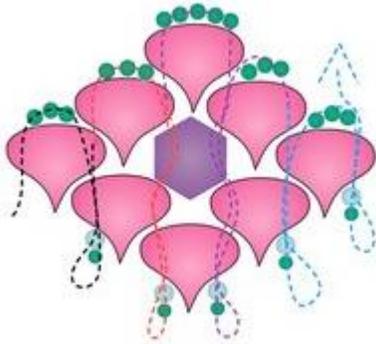
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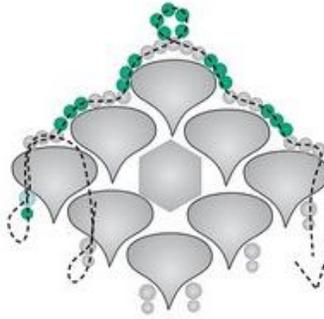
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Step 7



Step 8



Step 9



Step 10



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