



**INSIGNIA EARRINGS**  
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Our dynamic, graphic earring design could easily be a tribute to the insignia of a space fleet commander. Officer on deck!

**MATERIALS FOR ONE PAIR OF EARRINGS (each 1.5" from ear wire)**

16 Mini GemDuos

12 full size GemDuos

8 Kites

8 size 8° seed beads

80 size 15° seed beads

2 size 4mm closed jump rings

1 pair ear wires

Size 12 needle

Fireline 6lb

Thread snip or Zapper

**TIP:** Make sure all holes are clear before using any multi-holed beads.

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## COMPONENT

### FIGURE 1

**Step 1.** On 28-inches of Fireline, string a Kite through the tip end and a mini GemDuo four times. Sew through all the beads again and knot into a ring, but keep some ease so the component lies flat. String a needle on the tail, weave in to secure, and trim.

**Step 2.** Sew away from the knot through a Kite. Reverse direction and sew through the open hole of the wide end of the kite.

### FIGURE 2

**Step 3.** String a 15°, a full GemDuo and sew through the open hole of the next mini. String a full GemDuo and a 15° sew through the wide end of the next Kite.

**Step 4.** String a 15° and a mini and sew through the next mini. String a mini and a 15° and sew through the next Kite.

**Step 5.** Repeat Steps 3 and 4 two more times. Sew through all beads again. Exit through a 15° between a Kite and a full GemDuo.

### FIGURE 3

**Pull these stitches to snug the component as you work.**

**Step 6.** String four 15°s and sew into the open hole of the GemDuo.

**Step 7.** String a full GemDuo and sew through the next existing GemDuo.

**Step 8.** String four 15°s. Sew through the next 15°, Kite and 15°.

**Step 9.** String two 15°s and sew through the open hole of the next mini. String an 8° and sew through the next mini. String two 15°s and sew through the next 15°, Kite and 15°.

**Step 10.** Repeat Steps 6 through 9 once more. Sew through again to help firm up the component. Secure thread in beadwork and trim.

## ADD EAR WIRE

### FIGURE 4 (Enlarged to show detail)

**Step 11.** String a stopper bead on a new 10-inch piece of thread leaving a 4-inch tail. Sew through one of the tip full GemDuos at either end of the component. This will be the top of your earring or pendant.

**Step 12.** String four 15°s, an 8°, and a closed jump ring. Sew back through the 8°. String four 15°s.

**Step 13.** Remove the stopper bead. Knot the tail and work thread. Sew through all the beads and jump ring again. Tie a half hitch at the knot, weave in the thread to exit out the 15°s and 8° to secure and trim.

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**Step 14.** Thread a needle on the tail, and secure in the beads sewing through them in the same direction you worked to secure the working thread. Trim.

**Step 15.** String an ear wire on the jump ring. Make your second earring.

**DESIGN OPTION! Use GemDuo two-tone DUETS and vary the colors of seed beads for even more graphic playfulness!**



### INSIGNIA EARRINGS COLOR COMBINATIONS

**Metallics:**

Crystal Bronze Aluminum – mini GemDuos  
Jet– GemDuos  
Bronze pale gold – Kites  
Opaque black – size 8° seed beads  
Duracoat galvanized gold – size 15° seed beads

**Duets:**

Chalk white luster – mini GemDuos  
Jet and Black/white Duets – GemDuos  
Opaque red – Kites  
Opaque red – 8° seed beads  
Opaque black, opaque red and Duracoat  
galvanized silver – 15° seed beads

**Laser tattoo:**

Crystal vitrail – mini GemDuos  
Polychrome black raspberry – GemDuos  
Wasabi laser cracked – Kites  
Opaque chartreuse – size 8° seed beads  
Duracoat galvanized silver – 15° seed beads

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Only one thread path is shown for clarity. Please follow the text for repeated thread paths.

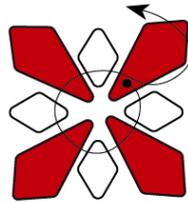


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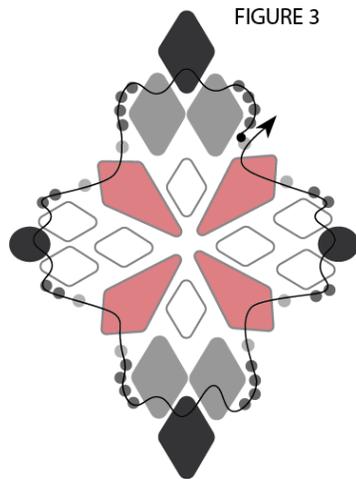
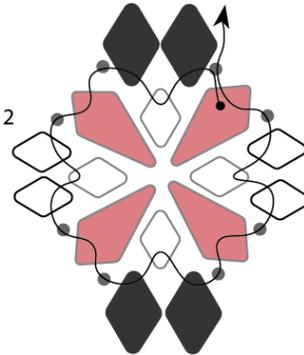


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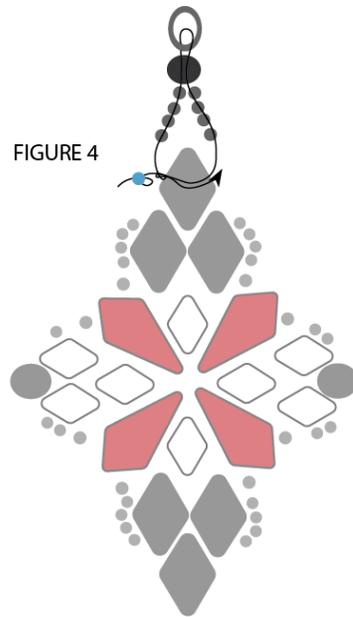


FIGURE 4

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