



SKAFI MAN EARRINGS

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These little guys sport big style with Delicas and Cymbals!

Skill level: Confident beginner and up

Techniques: Square stitch; decreased square stitch, ending/adding thread

Finished length: 1"

MATERIALS

- 4 size 15° seed beads
- 0.5 grams size 11 Delicas (color A)
- 0.25 grams size 11 Delicas (color B)
- 2 SKAFI II Cymbal™ endings
- 2 PARASPOROS Cymbal bead substitutes
- 1 pair of ear wires of choice
- 6lb. Fireline™ or D weight beading thread to blend in
- Size 11° beading needle
- Scissors/Pliers



NOTE: Rows 1 through 7 use color A Delicas.

FIGURE 1 – Row 1

Step 1. Place a stop bead (**green bead**) on 1.25 yards of Fireline leaving a four-inch tail. Sew into the first leg of the SKAFI II ending. String seven Delicas and sew out the second leg of the SKAFI.

Step 2. String a 15° and sew back through the SKAFI leg just exited, the seven Delicas and out the second SKAFI leg (**black thread**). String a 15°, sew back through the SKAFI leg just exited. Continue across the row and exit the SKAFI leg (**red thread**).

FIGURE 2 – Row 2

Step 3. String a Delica and square stitch it to the SKAFI leg. Square stitch a Delica to each of the next seven Delicas and the second SKAFI leg. Reinforce the row.

NOTE: Always reinforce the beadwork by sewing back through the previous row and out through the newly added row.

FIGURE 3 – Row 3

Step 4. Square stitch a Delica to each of the next three Delicas of the previous row (**black thread**). String a PARASPOROS bead substitute and square stitch it to the next three Delicas (**blue thread**). Square stitch a Delica to each of the next three Delicas (**red thread**). Reinforce the row.

FIGURE 4 – Row 4

Step 5. Square stitch a Delica to each of the next three Delicas of the previous row and sew through the same hole of the PARASPOROS. Square stitch a Delica to each of the next three Delicas. Reinforce the row.

FIGURE 5 – Row 5

Step 6. Square stitch a Delica to each of the next three Delicas of the previous row and sew through the open PARASPOROS hole. Square stitch a Delica to each of the next three Delicas. Reinforce the row.

FIGURE 6 – Row 6

Step 7. Square stitch a Delica to each of the next three Delicas (**black thread**). String three Delicas and square stitch them to the PARASPOROS (**blue thread**). Square stitch a Delica to each of the next three Delicas (**red thread**). Reinforce the row.

NOTE: For Figures 7 through 10, only the starting (**red dot**) and exit (**arrow black**) points are shown in the following illustrations.

FIGURE 7 – Row 7

Step 8. Square stitch Delicas across the row. Reinforce the row but exit the next to the last Delica of Row 7.

NOTE: Rows 8 through 13 use color B Delicas.

FIGURE 8 – Rows 8 and 9

Step 9. Square stitch a Delica to each of the next seven Delicas of the previous row. Reinforce the row.

Step 10. Repeat Step 9. Reinforce the row but exit the next to the last Delica of Row 9.

FIGURE 9 – Rows 10 and 11

Step 11. Square stitch a Delica to each of the next five Delicas of the previous row. Reinforce the row.

Step 12. Repeat Step 11. Reinforce the row but exit the next to the last Delica of Row 11.

FIGURE 10 – Rows 12 and 13

Step 13. Square stitch a Delica to each of the next three Delicas of the previous row. Reinforce the row.

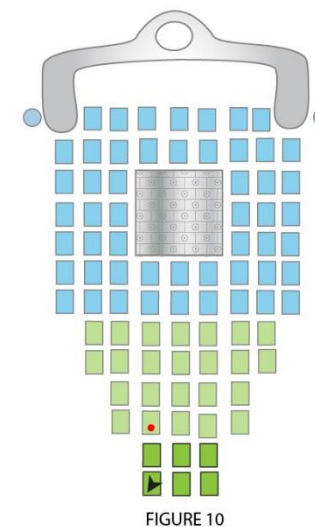
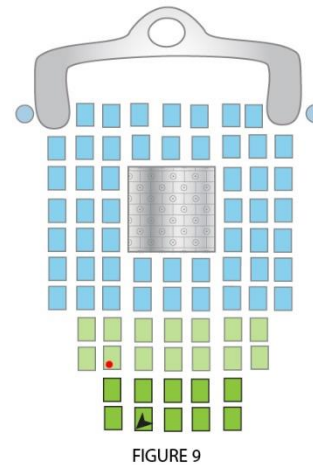
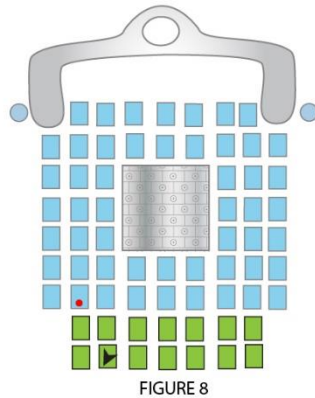
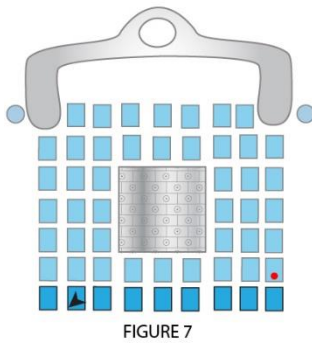
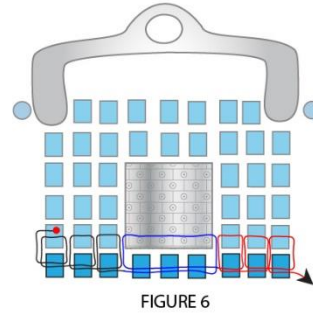
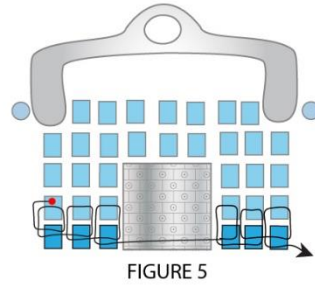
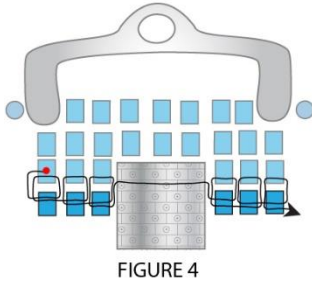
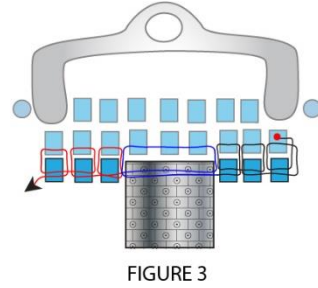
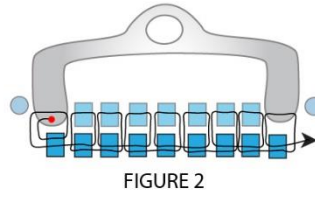
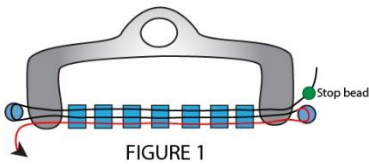
Step 14. Repeat Step 13. Reinforce the row. Weave in the thread following existing thread paths to secure and trim the excess.

Step 15. Remove the stop bead from the tail, thread on a needle, weave into the beadwork following existing thread paths to secure and trim the excess.

Step 16. Use pliers to attach an ear wire to the SKAFI ending loop. **NOTE:** Make sure the PARASPOROS textured side is facing out when attaching the ear wire.

Make a second earring!

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SKAFI MAN EARRINGS – COLOR COMBOS

(Pictured from left to right)

Antique silver – SKAFI II bead ending
Antique silver – PARASPOROS bead substitute
Matte metallic khaki iris – size 11 Delicas
Metallic dark raspberry – size 11 Delicas
Duracoat galvanized silver – size 15° seed beads



24kt gold plate – SKAFI II bead ending
24kt gold plate – PARASPOROS bead substitute
Duracoat opaque orange rust – size 11 Delicas
Opaque chartreuse AB – size 11 Delicas
Duracoat galvanized gold – size 15° seed beads

Rose gold – SKAFI II bead ending
Rose gold – PARASPOROS bead substitute
Duracoat opaque eucalyptus – size 11 Delicas
Opaque black – size 11 Delicas
Duracoat galvanized muscat – size 15° seed beads



Antique brass – SKAFI II bead ending
Antique brass – PARASPOROS bead substitute
Frosted opaque glaze rainbow olive – size 11 Delicas
Metallic bronze – size 11 Delicas
Light metallic bronze – size 15° seed beads

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