

FLATTENED SPIRAL EARRINGS

Materials:

2 grams each x3 color 11/o Seed Beads

2 – ear wires/posts

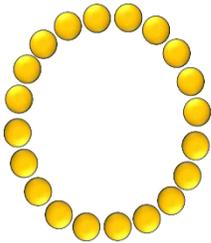
2-8mm Accent Beads (optional)

Suggested Thread: 6 or 8 lb. FireLine

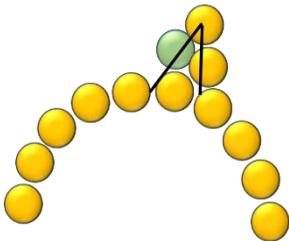
Beading Needle

Scissors/Thread Burner

1. Thread needle with 1 yd Fireline, and string 20 COLOR A seed beads.
2. Leaving a 2-3inch tail, needle through the 20 seed beads again from the first to the last, and form a ring.

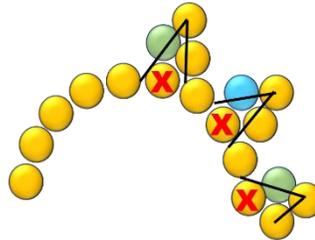


3. Exiting the next bead in the ring, add 1-COLOR B and 2-COLOR A beads. Skip over 1- A bead from the ring and needle through the next.



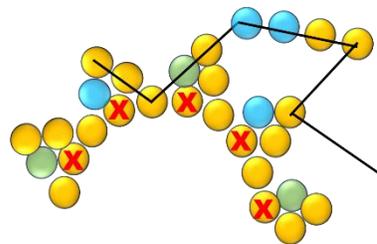
4. Add 1-COLOR C and 2 COLOR A beads, skip over the next bead in the ring and go through the one on the other side.

5. Repeat step 4 and 5, skipping over every-other bead in the original ring, and adding ONE B or C bead and TWO A beads all the way around the circle.



6. To step up to the next row, needle up through the first A bead after the B added in the prior row.

7. This row, add TWO B/C beads and TWO A beads, and needle through the first A bead after the B or C bead of the previous row.



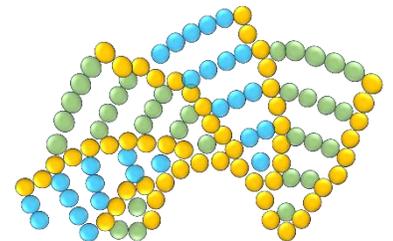
8. Repeat adding 2 B/C beads and 2 A beads in each stitch and anchoring through the first A bead after the B/C of

the previous round all the way around the ring.

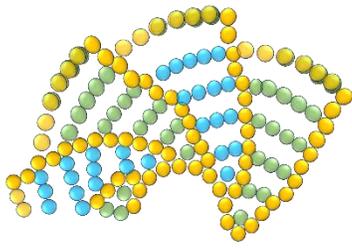
After each round, lay the work flat and push the beadwork against the work surface to remove ripples and ensure that the shape stays ROUND.

9. Step up by needling though to the next A bead after a B/C in the circle.

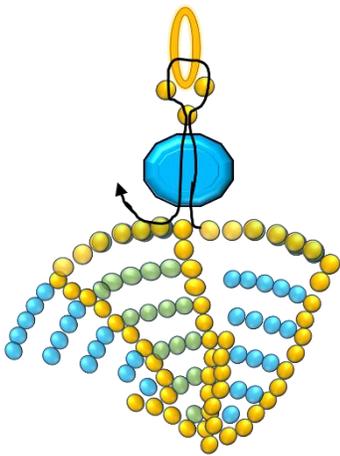
In each round, continue adding +1 more B/C bead than the prior round and TWO A beads until you have reached the size earring you want.



10. To finish, add the last round all COLOR A beads. (If 5 B/C beads in previous row, this one will be 8 total A beads in each stitch.)



11. Needle all the way around the outer edge to reinforce the beadwork and stiffen it.
12. Anywhere around the outer row where two segments meet a vertical A line, exit the beadwork and add (optional) accent bead, and 2 A beads, the earring finding, and another A bead.
13. Needle back through the accent bead and the outer row A beads to secure the earring connection.



14. Re-stitch through the beadwork to secure this connection, any thread gaps in the work, and to tighten up the piece as needed.

Work your needle back down to the tail thread from the first step in making the foundation ring.

15. Tie a double knot with the tail and working threads and needle through a few adjacent beads to hide the knot.
16. Snip/burn threads close to the beadwork to complete!

ENJOY!

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