

North Star Earrings by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 3 inches

Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:

- 48 - 3mm Garnet Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (03B11112) (F)
- 36 - 3mm Light Grey Swarovski Elements Crystal Pearls (PL6116) (G)
- 2 grams - Size 11 Transparent Silver Lined Burgundy Wine Delica Beads - DB0611 (11DB0611) (B)
- 2 grams - 2x4mm Opaque Matte Brown Pearl Peanut Japanese Seed Beads (SB3893) (C)
- 2 grams - 2x4mm Opaque Silver Gray Luster Peanut Japanese Seed Beads (SB3908) (D)
- 2 grams - 2x4mm Metallic Silver Peanut Japanese Seed Beads (SB3874) (E)
- 1 pair - 21mm Sterling Silver French Hoops with 2mm Bead (SS2607)
- 1 - Smoke Gray FireLine Braided Bead Thread .008 diameter, 6 lb/Size D (SM1001)

Tools needed to complete the earrings:

- Scissors
- Size 12 English Beading Needles (TL1647)

Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:

Basic Herringbone Stitch

Instructions to complete “North Star” earrings:

Tip

Letters are used to designate the beads used in the pattern. Please refer to the materials list above for the key. These earrings are made with variations circular herringbone and ladder stitches. If you do not have advanced proficiency with these stitches, practice them first by following the basic techniques before beginning these earrings.

Step 1

Form a beaded ring:

Round 1: Use a 3-foot length of thread to ladder stitch a strip 12 beads long and one bead high in this sequence:

2 – C
2 – D
2 – E
2 – C
2 – D
2 – E

Ladder stitch the first and last beads together to form a ring. Exit up through the first C added.

Round 2: Work a round of circular herringbone stitch, adding two beads per stitch in the following sequence:

2 – C
2 – D
2 – E
2 – C
2 – D
2 – E

At the end of the round, step up through the first C added in rounds 1 – 2.

Round 3: String 1 F and pass down through the next round 2 bead, then string 1 G and pass up through the following round 2 bead. Repeat five times to add a total of 6 F and 6 G. Weave through beads to exit through the first F added in this round. Don't trim the thread. Set the ring aside.

Step 2

Repeat Step 1 twice to form a total of three rings.

Step 3

Use the working thread of one ring to connect it to the next ring by stringing 1 F, passing down through the F of the second ring, stringing 1 F, and passing through the last F exited on the first ring. Repeat the thread path several times to reinforce. Secure the thread and trim.

Step 4

Repeat Step 3 to connect the third ring to the second.

Step 5

In the same manner as in Step 3, add a connection point at one end, using it to attach the loop on one ear wire.

Step 6

Repeat Steps 1 – 5 for the second earring.

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