

Mere Mandalas by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 1.75 inches

Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:

26 - 3mm Peridot Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (03BI1114)
2 - 6mm Indicolite Swarovski Elements Crystal Round Beads (06RD0158)
1 gram - Size 15 Silver Lined Transparent Peridot Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB3125)
1 gram - Size 11 Sparkly Sage Lined Clear Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB2539)
1 gram - Size 11 Sparkly Aqua Lined Clear Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB2542)
1 gram - Size 11 Gold Lined Transparent Blue Zircon Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB2407)
1 gram - Size 10 Transparent Light Peridot Green Triangle Japanese Seed Beads (SB0462)
2 - 4mm Sterling Silver 22 Gauge Closed Jump Rings (SS3907)
2 - 5mm Sterling Silver 16 Gauge Open Jump Rings (SS3980)
1 pair - 18mm Sterling Silver Ear Wires (SS4835)
1 - Crystal Clear FireLine Braided Bead Thread .008 diameter, 6 lb/Size D (SM4429)

Tools needed to complete the earrings:

Chain nose pliers
Scissors
Size 12 Pony Beading Needles (TL2382)
Perfect End Thread Burner

Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:

Opening and Closing a Jump Ring
Brick Stitch Around a Bead
Using a Perfect End Thread Burner

For step-by-step photos and instructions on these and other techniques, visit FusionBeads.com and select Beading Techniques from the top navigation bar.

Instructions to complete "Mere Mandalas" earrings:

Step 1

Thread a needle with five feet of beading thread. String one 6mm Indicolite crystal round bead, and wrap the thread around the bead twice (see Brick Stitch Around a Bead Technique). Repeat on the other side of the bead. Following the technique, use 11 size 11 sparkly sage lined clear round seed beads, weave a round (row 1) of brick stitch around the crystal round bead.

Step 2

Continue weaving four more rounds of brick stitch using the following beads:

Row 2: 16 size 11 gold lined transparent blue zircon seed beads

Row 3: 20 size 10 transparent light peridot green triangle beads

Row 4: 26 size 11 sparkly aqua lined clear round seed beads

Row 5 (picot around the edge): 26 size 15 seed beads and 13 3mm crystal bicone beads

Step 3

Weave the end of the thread back and forth through a few beads. Trim excess beading thread with scissors, and burn the end with a Perfect End Thread Burner (see Using a Perfect End Thread Burner Technique).

Step 4

Open one 5mm jump ring (see Opening and Closing a Jump Ring Technique). Use the jump ring to attach one 4mm closed jump ring to the exposed thread between two picot units in round 5. Close the jump ring.

Step 5

Hook the hook of one ear wire through the closed jump ring.

Step 6

Repeat Steps 1 - 5 for the second earring.

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