

Shooting Star by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 2 inches

Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:

- 12 - 3mm Crystal Silver Night Swarovski Elements Crystal Bicone Beads (03BI1400)
- 10 - 4mm Bronze Fire Polished Round Glass Beads (FP0360)
- 1 gram - Size 11 Dark Metallic Bronze Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB1864)
- 1 gram - 5mm Opaque Smoke Gray Luster 2 Hole Tila Seed Beads by Miyuki (SB4108)
- 1 pair - 20mm Natural Brass Hook Ear Wires by Vintaj (NB0177)
- 1 - Smoke Gray FireLine Braided Bead Thread .008 diameter, 6 lb/Size D (SM1001)

Tools needed to complete the earrings:

- Chain nose pliers
- Scissors
- Size 12 Pony Beading Needles (TL2382)
- Synthetic Beeswax, 2 ounces (TL1026)

Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:

- Circular Peyote
- 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 “Star Drop” earrings:

Step 1

Using a 4-foot length of beading thread, make a disc of circular peyote using the following beads per stitch (see Circular Peyote Technique):

Round 1: 5 seed beads

Round 2: 5 seed beads (1 bead per stitch)

Round 3: 10 seed beads (2 beads per stitch)

Step 2

With the needle exiting from the first bead strung in round 3, string one fire polished bead and one seed bead. Pass back down through the fire polished bead and through the next bead in round 3.

Step 3

String these beads:

1 hole in 1 Tila bead

1 – seed bead

1 – 3mm bicone bead

1 – seed bead

Pass down through the second hole in the same Tila bead strung above and through the next bead in round 3.

Step 4

Repeat Steps 2 – 3 four times around the circle.

Step 5

Pass through beads until the needle exits the bicone bead at the top of the first Tila bead. String the following:

4 – seed beads

1 – 3mm bicone bead

7 – seed beads

the loop on one ear wire (the previous 7 seed beads will float inside the loop)

Pass the needle back through the same 3mm bicone bead strung above, then string:

4 – seed beads

Pass the needle through the same bicone bead used at the beginning of the step in the opposite direction.

Step 6

Weave the thread through several beads, trim the thread, and burn the end with a Perfect End Thread Burner (see Using a Perfect End Thread Burner Technique).

Step 7

Repeat Steps 1 – 6 for the second earring.

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