

Vision in Blue by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 2.5 inches

Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:

- 1 gram - Size 15 Silver Lined Opal Pale Lavender Round Japanese Seed Beads (SB3276)
- 1 gram - Size 11 Silver Lined Milky Montana Blue Round Japanese Seed Beads by Toho (SB5739)
- 6 - 4mm Denim Blue Swarovski Elements Crystal Round Beads (04RD0253)
- 2 - 25x18mm Kyanite Teardrop Gemstone Cabochons (SE5169)
- 1 pair - 21mm Sterling Silver French Hoops with 2mm Bead by TierraCast® (SS2607)
- 1 - 4.25x5.5 in. Black Beading Foundation (CR0932)
- 1 - 8.5 in. Silver Pearl Ultra Suede (CR0947)
- 1 - Royal Blue Nymo Nylon Thread Size B (SM0730)

Tools needed to complete the earrings:

- Size 12 Tulip Beading Needles (TL2837)
- Beading Scissors 1-1/4 in. Blade (TL0302)
- Perfect End Thread Burner (TL1006)
- E6000 Adhesive 0.18 oz. Tube (TL2921)

Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:

- Gluing and Cutting Lacey's Stiff Stuff
- Bead Embroidery
- Brick Stitch Around a Bead
- Using a Perfect End Thread Burner

Instructions to complete “Vision in Blue” earrings:

Tip

After the bead embroidery is finished, a variation of brick stitch in the round is used to finish the edge. If you are not familiar with brick stitch, practice the Basic Brick Stitch and Brick Stitch Around a Bead Techniques first before beginning these earrings.

Step 1

Using scissors, cut a piece of beading foundation 1.5 inches wide by 2 inches long.

Step 2

Using E6000 adhesive, glue one cabochon to the center of the foundation (see Gluing and Cutting Lacey’s Stiff Stuff Technique). Allow the adhesive to dry for 20 – 30 minutes.

Step 3

Thread a needle with about 6 feet of beading thread, and tie a double knot at the end of the thread (see Bead Embroidery Technique). Stitch through the foundation from back to front near the cabochon.

Step 4

Using size 11 silver lined milky Montana blue round seed beads and a four-bead backstitch, embroider around the cabochon. Pass through all beads in the round three more times.

Step 5

Using size 15 silver lined opal pale lavender round seed beads and a four-bead backstitch, embroider between the cabochon and the first round of size 11 beads. (The size 15 beads will sit on top between the size 11 round of beads and the cabochon.) Pass through all beads in this round three more times.

Step 6

At the cabochon’s point, stitch three 4mm Denim Blue crystal round beads.

Step 7

Trim the beading foundation carefully to about 1/16 inch from the stitched design, being careful not to cut any threads.

Step 8

Cut a rectangle of ultra suede 1.5 inches by 2 inches.

Step 9

Glue the embroidered foundation piece to the ultra suede. Allow the glue to dry.

Step 10

Trim the ultra suede to match the shape of the beading foundation.

Step 11

Finish the edge with one round of a variation of brick stitch (see Brick Stitch Around a Bead Technique) in the following manner: Exiting from the edge of the foundation, string three size 15 seed beads. Stitch into the ultra suede, and pass up through the third bead strung, forming a picot.

Step 12

String two size 15 seed beads, stitch into the ultra suede, and pass up through the second bead strung.

Step 13

Repeat Step 12 around the piece. When you reach the top (opposite from the point), exit from the middle bead in the brick stitch picot, and string six size 15 seed beads and the loop on one ear wire. Pass back through the brick-stitched bead, forming a loop. Reinforce the loop once. Continue finishing the edge around the piece as in Step 12. Anchor the thread and trim.

Step 14

Repeat Step 1 – 13 for the second earring.

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