

Purple Castanet by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 2 inches

Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:

- 1 gram - Size 11 Metallic Galvanized Silver Delica Beads (11DB0035)
- 50 - True 2mm Round Fire Polished Czech Glass Bead by Beadsmith - Crystal Labrador (FP3990)
- 40 - 4mm Metallic Purple Suede Fire Polished Round Glass Bead (FP3626)
- 2 - 22mm Sterling Silver Flat Wire Circle Components (SS4295)
- 1 pair - 13mm Sterling Silver French Ear Wire With 2mm Ball End (SS4036)
- 2 - 4mm Sterling Silver 22 Gauge Closed Jump Ring (SS3907)
- 1 - Crystal Clear FireLine Braided Bead Thread .006 diameter - 4 lb/Size B (SM4428)

Tools needed to complete the earrings:

- Chain nose pliers
- Beading Scissors 1-1/4 in. Blade (TL0302)
- Size 10 English Beading Needles (TL1646)
- Perfect End Thread Burner

Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:

- Attaching an Ear Wire
- Brick Stitch Around a Component
- Using a Perfect End Thread Burner

Instructions to complete “Purple Castanet” earrings:

Step 1

Thread a needle with a 5-foot length of beading thread. Using 26 2mm fire polished beads, stitch one round of brick stitch around the inner edge of one circle component (see Brick Stitch Around a Component Technique).

Step 2

Weave the thread to the component's outer edge and work one round of brick stitch using 20 4mm fire polished beads.

Step 3

Exit from the last bead in the previous round, and work one round of brick stitch using Delica beads, increasing as needed.

Step 4

Exiting from the last bead in the previous round from Step 3, string one Delica bead, and pass through the adjacent Delica bead in the Step 3 round. Then pass up through the next Delica. (The Delica strung at the beginning of this step will lie vertically above two Delica beads from the Step 3 round.) Repeat around the circle. Leave the thread attached.

Step 5

Open the loop on one ear wire (see Attaching an Ear Wire Technique), and attach it the jump ring.

Step 6

Exiting from any Step 3 Delica bead, string one Delica bead and the jump ring from the previous step. Pass back through the strung Delica and the bead adjacent to the one exited at the beginning of this step. Reinforce the attachment several times.

Step 7

Weave the thread back and forth through the beadwork, trim excess beading thread, and burn the end with a Perfect End Thread Burner (see Using a Perfect End Thread Burner Technique).

Step 8

Repeat Steps 1 – 7 for the second earring.

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