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Approximate finished length: 2.5 inches

Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:

3 grams - Size 11 Silver Lined Light Steel Blue Duracoat Delica Beads - DB2166 (11DB2166)

1 pair - 14mm Sterling Silver Ear Wires with 2mm Bead by TierraCast® (SS2601)

6 inches - 1.5mm Sterling Silver Cable Chain (CN5309)

1 - Smoke Gray FireLine Braided Bead Thread .008 diameter - 6 lb/Size D (SM1001)

Tools needed to complete the earrings:

Size 12 English Beading Needles (TL1647)

Xuron Thread and Fiber Scissors (TL3000)

Thread Heaven (TL1027)

Chain nose pliers

Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:

Basic Brick Stitch – Decreasing

Attaching an Ear Wire

Instructions to complete “Have to Tri These” earrings:

Tip

These earrings are made with brick stitch with each row decreased by one stitch, forming a triangle shape. The last bead is finished slightly differently in these instructions than in the Basic Brick Stitch – Decreasing Technique.

Step 1

Using wire cutters, cut the chain into the following lengths:

2 – 0.5” lengths

2 – 1” lengths

2 – 1.5” lengths

Set aside one of each length for the second earring.

Step 2

Thread a needle with 4 feet of beading thread, and condition the thread with Thread Heaven. Using Delica beads, make a six-bead ladder (see Basic Brick Stitch – Decreasing Technique), forming the first row.

Step 3

Work four more rows of brick stitch with one decrease in each row. The fifth row will have two beads in it.

Step 4

Exit the last bead in the fifth row, and string one bead. Pass back down the same bead exited in the fifth row (thread will be exposed on the outside of the bead strung in this step), pass up the second bead in the fifth row, pass back up the single bead strung in this step, and back down the second bead in the fifth row (thread will be exposed on the outside of the single bead).

Step 5

Weave the thread back through all rows, exiting from the third bead in the first row.

Step 6

String one end link of one chain length, and pass down through the fourth bead in the first row. Reinforce the attachment twice to secure.

Step 7

Weave the thread back and forth through a few rows in the beadwork, and trim thread close to the work.

Step 8

Repeat Steps 2 – 7 twice, weaving a total of three triangle pieces and attaching them to chain lengths.

Step 9

Open the loop on one ear wire (see Attaching an Ear Wire Technique), and attach it to the unattached end links on each of the chain lengths used in the previous steps. Close the loop.

Step 10

Repeat Steps 2 – 9 for the second earring.

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