

Lush Forest by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 2.5 inches

Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:

2 grams - Size 15 Metallic Green/Brown Iris Round Japanese Seed Beads by Toho – 84 (SB6115) (B)
12 - 4mm Crystal Iridescent Green 2x Swarovski Crystal Bicone Beads (04BI1485) (A)
2 - 12mm Crystal Sahara Swarovski Crystal Sun Pendants (SK1659)
1 pair - 20.5mm Gold-Filled French Hoops with 2mm Bead by TierraCast® (GF2104)
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 (TL1009)
Xuron Thread and Fiber Scissors (TL3000)

Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:

Flat Spiral Rope

Instructions to complete “Lush Forest” earrings:

Tip

The letters A – B designate the beads used in the pattern. Please refer to the materials list above for the key. The earrings are made with a variation of the Flat Spiral Rope Technique. Each pair of successive loops is slightly wider than the previous pair of loops.

Step 1

Using scissors, cut a 3-foot length of beading thread, and thread a needle. Tie on a stop bead about 6 inches from the tail.

Step 2

String the following (see Flat Spiral Rope Technique):

2 – A

11 – B

Pass back up through the 2 – A.

Step 3

String the following

11- B

Pass back up through the 2 – A.

You should have one strand of beads on either side of the 2 – A.

Step 4

String the following:

1 – A

13 – B

Pass back through the second A bead and the A bead you just added.

Step 5

String the following:

13 – B

Pass back through the second and third A beads. Make sure each strand of B beads is flipped toward the outside.

Step 6

Repeat Steps 4 – 5 using the following quantities of beads for each pair of successive loops:

3rd pair of loops: 15 – B

4th pair of loops: 18 – B

5th pair of loops: 21 – B

Step 7

To attach the pendant, exit the last B in the last loop, and thread 7 – B and the hole in the pendant (the pendant will float over the seed beads). Pass back through the B exited. Retrace the thread path of the attachment twice to reinforce. Pass back through several beads in the beadwork, tie a half-hitch knot, and trim the thread.

Step 8

Remove the stop bead and thread a needle on the tail thread left behind on the opposite end of the beadwork.

Thread 6 – B and the loop on one ear wire (the loop will float over the seed beads). Pass back through several A in the beadwork, tie a half-hitch knot, and trim the thread.

Step 9

Repeat Steps 1 – 8 for the second earring.

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