

# Falling Leaves by FusionBeads.com



Approximate finished length: 2 inches

## **Beads and other products needed for one pair of earrings:**

- 1.5 grams - Size 11 Matte Opaque Peaches N Cream Delica Beads - DB1512 (11DB1512) **(A)**
- 2.5 grams - Size 11 Inside Color Lined Crystal/Light Peach Delica Beads - DB0067 (11DB0067) **(B)**
- 1.5 grams - Size 11 Silver Lined Papaya Duracoat Delica Beads - DB2178 (11DB2178) **(C)**
- 1 gram - Size 11 Metallic 24K Gold Plated Delica Beads - DB0031 (11DB0031) **(D)**
- 1 - 20mm Gold-Filled French Hoop with 2mm Bead by TierraCast (GF2104)
- 1 - Crystal/White FireLine Braided Bead Thread - 6 Lb - .006in - 15 Yard Spool (SM6281)

## **Tools needed to complete the earrings:**

- Chain nose pliers
- Tulip Beading Needles - Size 11 (TL2648)
- Xuron Thread and Fiber Scissors (TL3000)

## **Beading Techniques needed to complete the earrings:**

- Learn how to make Russian Leaves (video)
- Attaching an Ear Wire

## **Instructions to complete “Falling Leaves” earrings:**

### *Tip:*

*These earrings are made with diagonal peyote stitch that has decreases at the bottom and increase at the top. Please check out our Learn how to make Russian Leaves video for tutorial. If you not familiar with basic peyote stitch we recommend practicing that technique first before beginning this intermediate project.*

### **Step 1**

Thread a needle with 3 feet of beading thread. Tie on a stop bead at the middle of the thread. Starting at the star on the graph below. You will work up the right side of the leaf first. Then remove the stop bead from the tail and thread on a needle to work up the left side of the leaf.

Rows 1, 2 – 1 D, 2 A, 4 B, 3 C, 1 D, 1 C

To turn around go up through the fourth bead from the bottom.

Row 3 – 1 C, 2 B, 1 A

Row 4 – 1 A, 2 B, 1 C

To do the decrease pick up 1 D and 1 C and go through the previous C bead.

Row 5 – 1 C, 2 B,

To do the increase pick up 1 A, 1 D, 1 A and go back through the first A you just picked up.

Row 6 – 2 B, 1 C

To do the decrease pick up 1 D and 1 C and go through the previous C bead.

Row 7 - 1 C, 2 B

To do the increase pick up 1 A, 1 D, 1 A and go back through the first A you just picked up.

Row 8 – 2 B, 1 C

To do the decrease pick up 1 D and 1 C and go through the previous C bead.

Row 9 - 1 C, 2 B

To do the increase pick up 1 A, 1 D, 1 A and go back through the first A you just picked up.

Row 10 – 2 B, 1 C

To do the decrease pick up 1 D and 1 C and go through the previous C bead.

Row 11 - 1 C, 2 B

To do the increase pick up 1 A, 1 D, 1 A and go back through the first A you just picked up.

Row 10 – 2 B, 1 C

To do the decrease pick up 1 D and 1 C and go through the previous C bead.

Row 12 - 1 C, 2 B

To do the increase pick up 1 A, 1 D, 1 A and go back through the first A you just picked up.

Row 13 – 2 B, 1 C

To do the decrease pick up 1 D and 1 C and go through the previous C bead.

Row 14 - 1 C, 2 B

To do the increase pick up 1 A, 1 D, 1 A and go back through the first A you just picked up.

Row 15 – 2 B, 1 C

To do the decrease pick up 1 D and 1 C and go through the previous C bead.

Row 16 - 1 C, 2 B

To do the increase pick up 1 A, 1 D, 1 A and go back through the first A you just picked up.

Row 17 – 2 B, 1 C

To do the decrease pick up 1 D and 1 C and go through the previous C bead.

Row 18 - 1 C, 2 B

To do the increase pick up 1 A, 1 D, 1 A and go back through the first A you just picked up.

Row 19 - 2 B, 1 C

## Step 2

Remove the stop from the tail and thread on a needle. You will now be stitching up the left side of the leaf.

Row 20 1 A, 2 B, 1 C

To do the decrease pick up 1 D and 1 C and go through the previous C bead.

Row 21 – 1 C, 2 B

To do the increase pick up 1 A, 1 D, 1 A and go back through the first A you just picked up.

Row 22 – 2 B, 1 C

To do the decrease pick up 1 D and 1 C and go through the previous C bead.

Row 23 – 1 C, 2 B

To do the increase pick up 1 A, 1 D, 1 A and go back through the first A you just picked up.

Row 24 – 2 B, 1 C

To do the decrease pick up 1 D and 1 C and go through the previous C bead.

Row 25 – 1 C, 2 B

To do the increase pick up 1 A, 1 D, 1 A and go back through the first A you just picked up.

Row 26 – 2 B, 1 C

To do the decrease pick up 1 D and 1 C and go through the previous C bead.

Row 27 – 1 C, 2 B

To do the increase pick up 1 A, 1 D, 1 A and go back through the first A you just picked up.

Row 28 – 2 B, 1 C

To do the decrease pick up 1 D and 1 C and go through the previous C bead.

Row 29 – 1 C, 2 B

To do the increase pick up 1 A, 1 D, 1 A and go back through the first A you just picked up.

Row 30 – 2 B, 1 C

To do the decrease pick up 1 D and 1 C and go through the previous C bead.

Row 31 – 1 C, 2 B

To do the increase pick up 1 A, 1 D, 1 A and go back through the first A you just picked up.

Row 32 – 2 B, 1 C

To do the decrease pick up 1 D and 1 C and go through the previous C bead.

Row 33 – 1 C, 2 B

To do the increase pick up 1 A, 1 D, 1 A and go back through the first A you just picked up.

Row 34 – 2 B, 1 C

To do the decrease pick up 1 D and 1 C and go through the previous C bead.

Row 35 – 1 C, 2 B

To do the increase pick up 1 A, 1 D, 1 A and go back through the first A you just picked up.

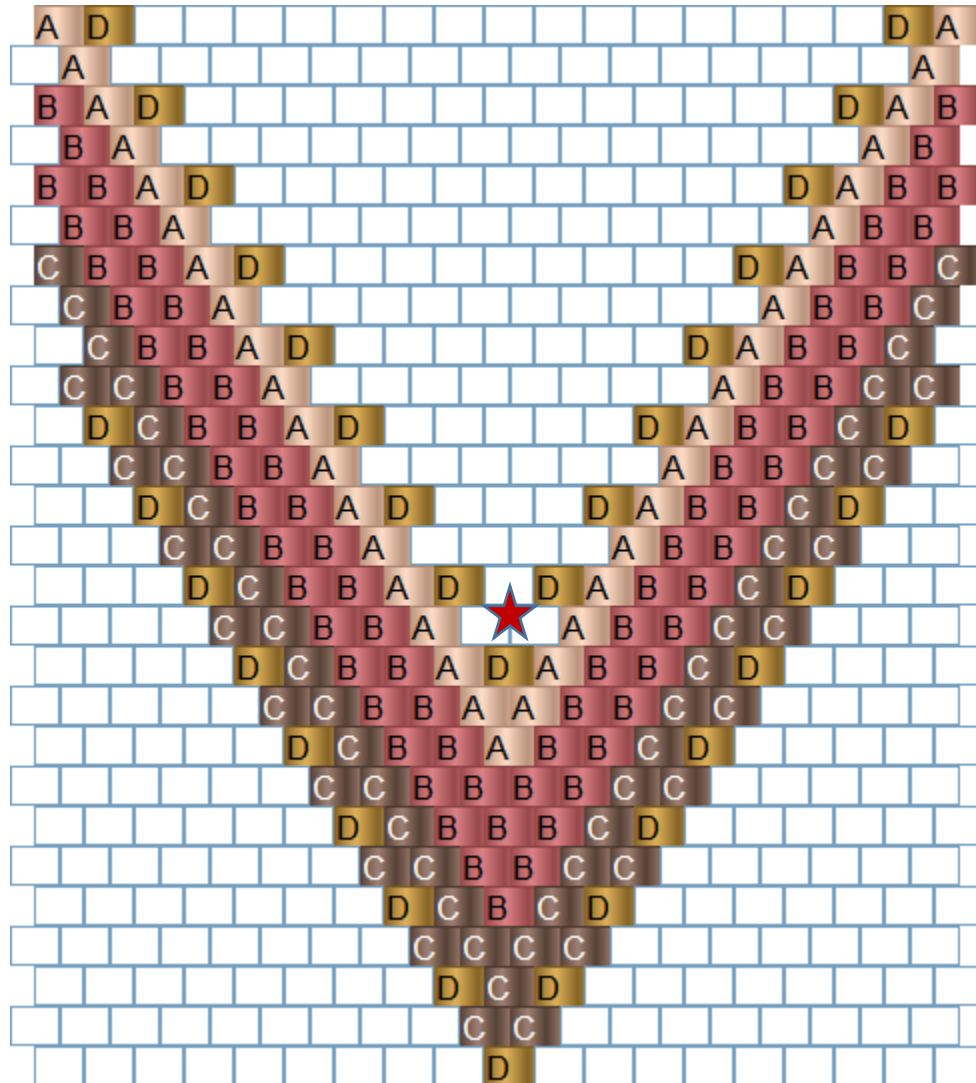
Row 35 - 2 B, 1 C

Chart #:A  
DB-1512  
Matte Opaque Light Peach  
Count:37

Chart #:B  
DB-0067  
Inside Color Lined Crystal/Light Peach  
Count:74

Chart #:C  
DB-2178  
Silver Lined Papaya  
Count:55

Chart #:D  
DB-0031  
Metallic 24K Gold Plated  
Count:34



**Step 3**

To bring the two ends of the leaves together you will want to work your needle so you are coming out of the top or last A bead on one side of the leaf, pick up 1 – A bead and go through the A bead on the other side of the leaf. You will need to go back through the bead at least one more time to reinforcing the connection. Work your thread back through the beadwork in a step-like pattern. After weaving through a few beads, trim off the thread.

**Step 4**

To reinforce and stiffen the beadwork, pass back through in a step-like pattern for the row of A, trim off the thread.

**Step 5**

Open the loop on one ear wire (see Attaching an Ear Wire Technique), and attach it to the loop of seed beads at the top of the beadwork. Close the loop.

**Step 6**

Repeat Steps 1 – 5 for the second earring.

***For step-by-step photos and instructions on these and other techniques, visit [FusionBeads.com](http://FusionBeads.com) and select Beading Techniques from the top navigation bar. You'll find more Inspiration jewelry ideas at [FusionBeads.com](http://FusionBeads.com)!***