



CHEVRON GEMDUO EARRINGS by LESLIE ROGALSKI www.leslierogalskibeadworks.com

CYMBAL[™] earring posts are the way to go! So easy to create a completely integrated style. These earrings use the Ganema elements for Chevron Duos.



SKILL LEVEL: For anyone familiar with two holed beads.

MATERIALS for one pair of earrings:
20 GemDuos
2 Chevron Duos
72 size 15° seed beads
2 Cymbal™ GANEMA earring elements for chevron duos

2 earring post wingnuts Beading thread to blend in Size 12 beading needle Scissors or thread zap

TIPS:

Before using any multi-holed beads make sure all holes are clear. Keep firm tension throughout this project. Refer to the illustrations for orientation of GemDuos and Chevron Duos.

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EARRING BASE

FIGURE 1

Step 1. On a 20-inch piece of thread, string a 15° and a GemDuo six times. Sew through all beads again for a firm ring of beads. Knot into a ring leaving a 4-inch tail to weave in. Sew through to exit a GemDuo. Reverse direction and sew through the outer hole of the GemDuo.

FIGURE 2

Step 2. String a 15° and sew back into the same hole. String a GemDuo and five 15°s. Sew into the other GemDuo hole and through the next GemDuo outer hole. Snug the beads so the new GemDuo strung fits horizontally between two GemDuos and the 15°s are lined up tightly along the outside of the new GemDuo.

Step 3. Repeat Step 2 two more times to add horizontal GemDuos with 15°s. Sew through the next GemDuo in the ring. String a 15° and sew back through the entire thread path to firm up the GemDuos and 15°s. Sew through the first 15° and back into the beadwork. Secure thread and trim. Thread a needle on the tail and weave in; trim.

TIP: It may help to have the beadwork and Cymbal element face down with the post facing up for the following steps to allow your piece to lie flat on your table.

FIGURE 3

Step 4. (Figure 3 a-b). String a stopper bead on a new 18-inch piece of thread. Sew in through the left point side of a Chevron Duo. String a 15°, a GemDuo, a 15° and one leg of the Ganema earring Cymbal through the non-pointy end. String seven 15°s and sew into the other hole (pointy side) of the Cymbal.

Step 5. (Figure 3 b-c). String a 15° and sew through a GemDuo. String a 15° and sew through the Chevron Duo. String a 15° and sew through a GemDuo of the earring base. String a 15° and sew back into the same GemDuo. Pull snug.

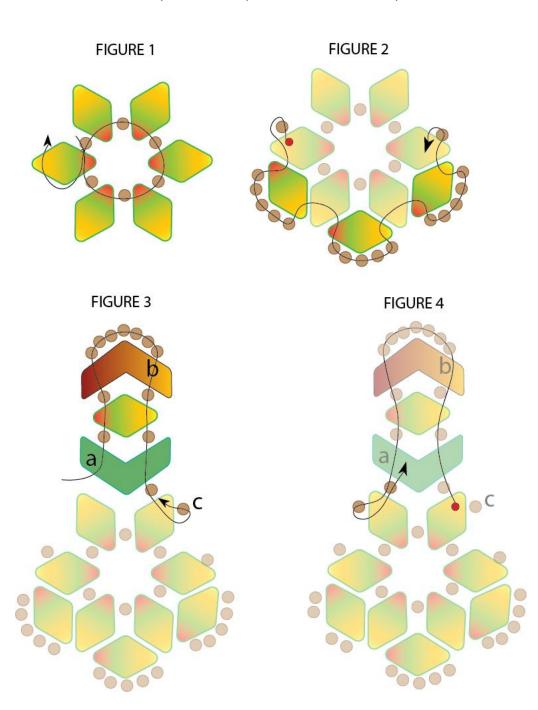
FIGURE 4

Step 6. Sew back through the entire thread path to exit the Chevron Duo at the stopper bead.

Step 7. String a 15° and sew through the second GemDuo of the earring base. String a 15° and sew back through the GemDuo and the 15°. Remove the stopper bead. Make sure beads are pulled snug. Knot the tail and working thread. Weave in ends securely and trim.

Repeat all the steps to make a second earring.

ILLUSTRATIONS FOR CHEVRON GEMDUO EARRINGS



Only one thread path is shown for clarity.

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