



DARING DAGGER EARRINGS

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Daggers add fun to any earrings!

Skill level: Confident beginner and up

Techniques: Stitching with two-hole beads

Finished length: 1½" (excluding the ear wire)

MATERIALS for a pair of earrings

- 24 size 15° seed beads
- 40 SuperDuos
- 2 single hole daggers (5x16mm)
- 2 ROZOS V Cymbal bead endings
- 1 pair of ear wires
- 6lb. Fireline™ or D weight beading thread
- Size 12 beading needles
- Scissors/Pliers



TIP:

- Check that all holes of two-hole beads are clear before stitching.
- Be careful not to skip any beads when retracing a thread path.

FIGURE 1 – Row 1

Step 1. Thread a needle on 24" of Fireline and attach a stop bead leaving a three-inch tail to weave in and secure at your earliest convenience.

Step 2. String a 15° and a SuperDuo and sew through the first leg of the ROZOS ending. String a SuperDuo and sew through the next leg of the ROZOS. Repeat three more times.

Step 3 (red thread). String a SuperDuo and a 15°. Sew back through all the SuperDuos added and exit the 15° added in Step 2. Sew back through the end SuperDuo and change thread direction by sewing through the open hole of the same SuperDuo.

FIGURE 2 – Row 2

Step 4. String a 15° and sew through the SuperDuo. String a SuperDuo and sew through the next Row 1 SuperDuo. Repeat four more times.

Step 5. String a 15° and sew back through all the SuperDuos added in this step and exit the end 15°. Sew back through two SuperDuos and change thread direction by sewing through the open hole of the second SuperDuo.

FIGURE 3 – Row 3

Step 6. String a 15° and sew through the SuperDuo. String a SuperDuo and sew through the next Row 2 SuperDuo. Repeat three more times.

Step 7. String a 15° and sew back through all the SuperDuos added in this step and exit the end 15°. Sew back through two SuperDuos and change thread direction by sewing through the open hole of the second SuperDuo.

FIGURE 4 – Row 4

Step 8. String a 15° and sew through the SuperDuo. String a SuperDuo and sew through the next Row 3 SuperDuo. Repeat two more times.

Step 9. String a 15° and sew back through all the SuperDuos added in this step and exit the end 15°. Sew back through two SuperDuos and change thread direction by sewing through the open hole of the second SuperDuo.

FIGURE 5 – Row 5

Step 10. String a 15° and sew through the SuperDuo. String a SuperDuo and sew through the next Row 4 SuperDuo. Repeat once more.

Step 11. String a 15° and sew back through all the SuperDuos added in this step and exit the end 15°. Sew back through two SuperDuos and change thread direction by sewing through the open hole of the second SuperDuo.

FIGURE 6 – Row 6

Step 12. String a 15° and sew through the SuperDuo. String a dagger and sew through the next SuperDuo. String a 15° and sew back through the SuperDuos and the dagger added in this step and exit the end 15°. Repeat the thread path once more, secure the thread within the beadwork following existing thread paths and trim the excess.

Step 13. Remove the stop bead from the tail, thread on a needle, secure it within the beadwork and trim the excess.

Step 14. Use pliers to attach the ear wire to the ROZOS loop.

Now make your second earring!!



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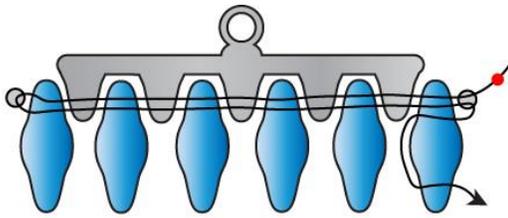


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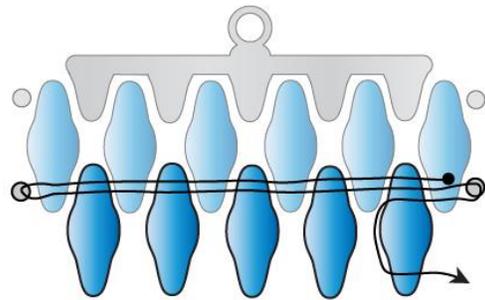


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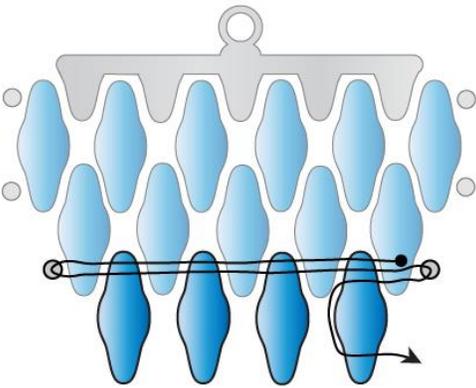


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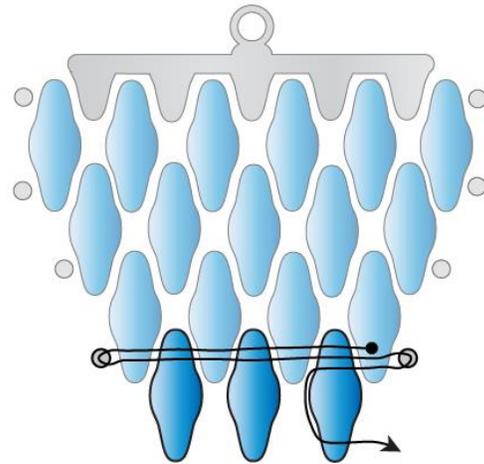


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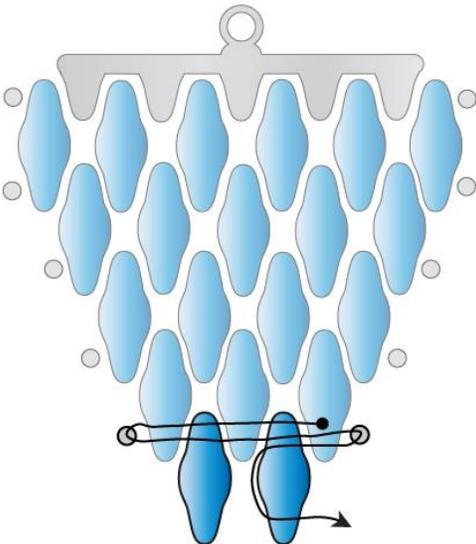


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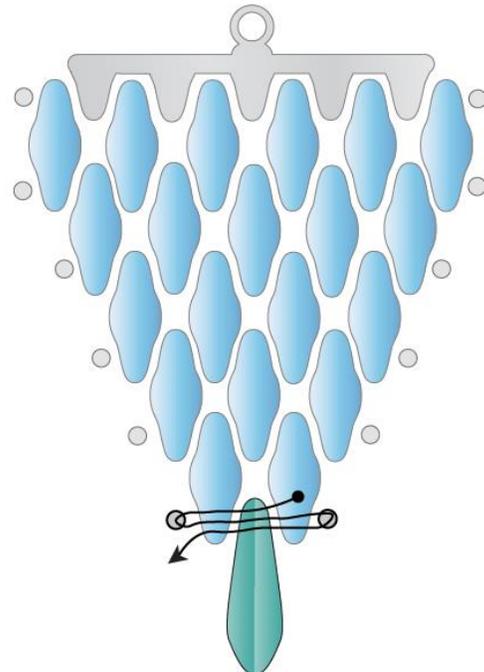


FIGURE 6

DARING DAGGER EARRINGS COLOR COMBOS

Antique brass – ROZOS V Cymbal ending
Jet brown iris – SuperDuos
Matte metallic khaki iris – size 15° seed beads
Backlit petrol – 5x16mm one-hole daggers



Gold – ROZOS V Cymbal ending
Pearl shine light coral – SuperDuos
Duracoat galvanized gold – size 15° seed beads
Rose opal laser laser eye matte – 5x16mm one hole daggers

Antique silver – ROZOS V Cymbal ending
Jet metallic suede blue - SuperDuos
Duracoat galvanized silver – size 15° seed beads
Etch jet full AB – 5x16mm one-hole daggers



Rose gold – ROZOS V Cymbal ending
Crystal violet rainbow – SuperDuos
Duracoat galvanized muscat – size 15° seed beads
Backlit menthol – 5x16mm one-hole daggers