



HOOP-STAR EARRINGS

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Turn your beadwork into a star attraction by showcasing it within a wire hoop.

Skill level: Confident beginner and up

Techniques: Stitching with two-hole beads

Finished length: 2"

MATERIALS

- 72 size 15° seed beads
- 12 size 11° seed beads
- 12 GemDuos
- 24 Paisley Duos
- 12 SuperDuos
- 2 size 40mm ear hoops with inner top loop
- Pair of ear wires
- 6lb. Fireline™
- Size 11 beading needle
- Scissors/Pliers



TIPS:

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

COMPONENT

FIGURE 1

Step 1 (red thread). Place one yard of Fireline on a needle. String six GemDuos. Sew through all the GemDuos again to form a circle, and knot threads leaving a small tail. Sew through one bead away from the knot and step up by reversing direction through the open hole of the same GemDuo. Weave in and trim the tail.

Step 2 (black thread). String a pair of Paisley Duos (convex tips facing) and sew through the next GemDuo. Repeat five more times. Sew through all the beads again and step up by reversing direction and sewing through the convex wide hole of the first Paisley strung. Sew through the next Paisley.

FIGURE 2

Step 3. String one 15°, one SuperDuo, four 15°s and sew through the open hole of the SuperDuo. String one 15° and sew through the next two Paisleys.

Step 4. Repeat Step 3 five more times. Continue through to exit the first two 15°s over the first SuperDuo added in Step 3.

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ATTACH COMPONENT TO HOOP

FIGURE 3

Step 5. Position the component inside the ear hoop with a SuperDuo lined up directly underneath the inside loop. **NOTE:** Make sure that the GemDuos are right side up before stitching.

Step 6. String one 11°. Sewing from the front to the back, sew through the loop and back through the 11°. Continue through the next ten beads (two 15°, the SuperDuo, the 15°, two Paisleys, the 15°, the SuperDuo and the two 15°s over the SuperDuo).

Step 7. String one 11°, sew over the loop (from front back) and sew back through the 11° just added. Continue through the next ten beads as outlined in Step 6.

Step 8. Repeat Step 7 to attach the next four SuperDuos around the hoop.

Step 9. Following the existing thread paths of Figures 2 and 3, sew again through all the beads to reinforce the connection of the component to the hoop. Secure the thread within the beadwork and trim the excess.

Step 10. Use pliers to attach an ear wire to the outside loop of the earring hoop.

Make your second earring!



Leslie Pope, or you may know her better as “Twisted Sistah Beads”, has a passion for beads that she loves to share with others. As Twisted Sistah, Leslie has exhibited and taught bead weaving classes up and down the East Coast. Leslie’s beaded creations have been featured in various beading magazines and books. You can also find her kits and tutorials at twistedsistahbeads.com and in the BeadSmith.com online library of patterns. Leslie is currently the Creative Designer at the BeadSmith, a global wholesaler of beads and jewelry-making supplies. As part of her job and as a member of the BeadSmith Inspiration Squad, she gets to design with all the newest beads so she can inspire beaders everywhere.

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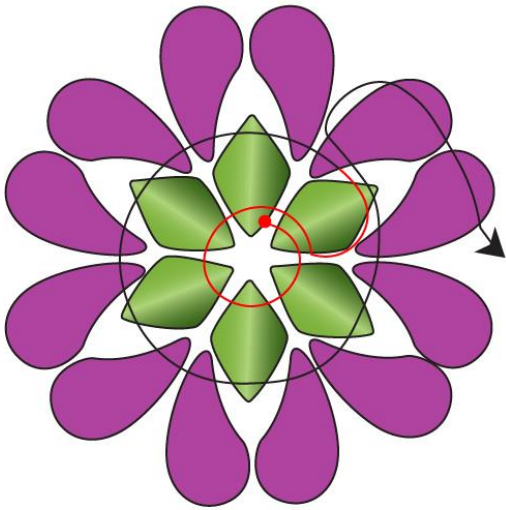


FIGURE 1

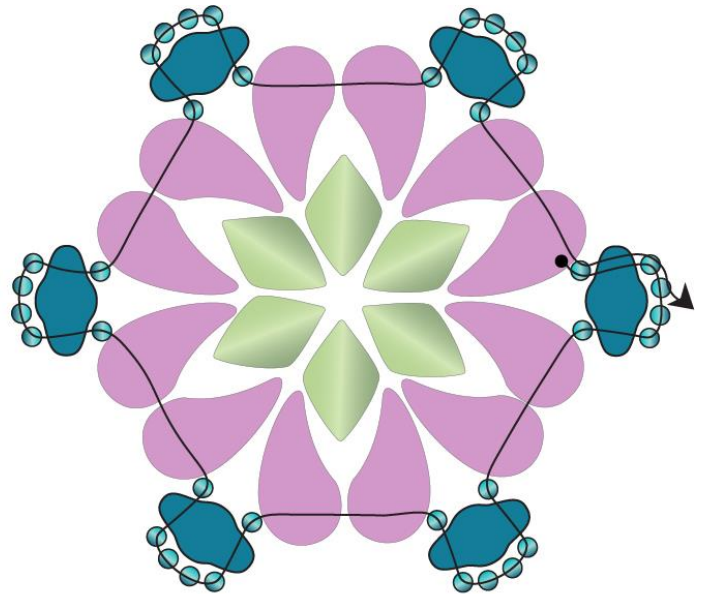


FIGURE 2

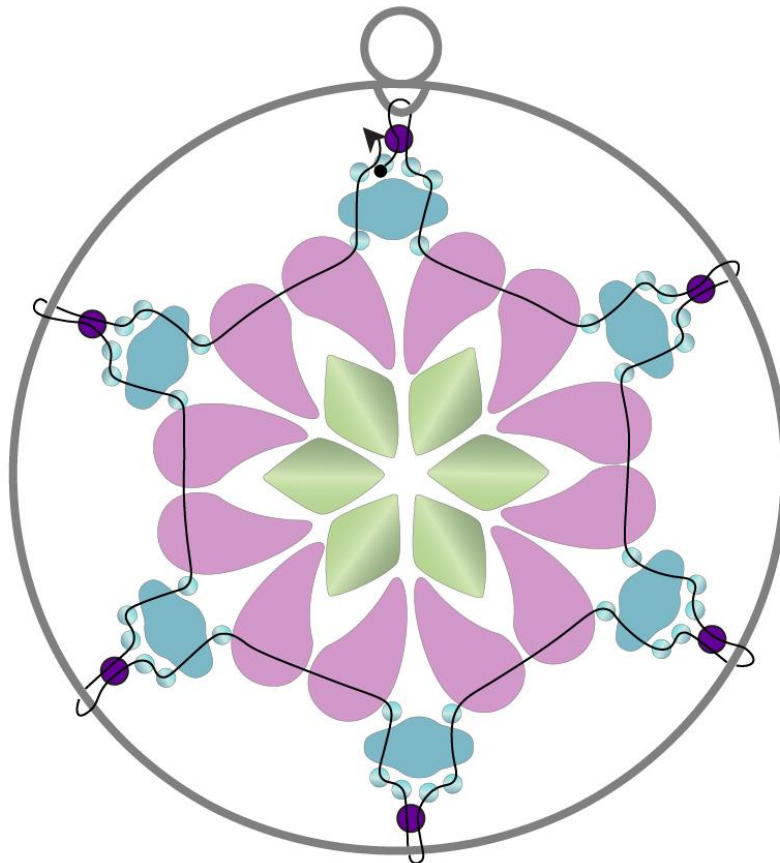


FIGURE 3

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HOOP-STAR EARRINGS COLOR COMBOS

Jet green Iris – Paisley Duo
Matte jet green iris – SuperDuo
Turquoise green luster – GemDuo
Duracoat galvanized seafoam – size 15°
Opaque turquoise blue Picasso – size 11°



Jet red iris – Paisley Duo
Matte jet red iris – SuperDuo
Tropical pastel pink – GemDuo
Fuchsia lined aqua luster – size 15°
Matte silver lined teal – size 11°

Matte jet brown iris – Paisley Duo
Bronze pale gold – SuperDuo
Crystal gleam blue glaze – GemDuo
Duracoat galvanized silver – size 15°
Duracoat galvanized yellow gold – size 11°

