



KITE PENNANT EARRINGS

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Congratulations are in the air when you wear these earrings, which look like a swag of pennants strung for celebration! The Cymbal™ element keeps the beads in a nice display.

Skill level: beginner comfortable with two-hole beads **Techniques**: Stringing, square knots, ending thread

Materials for one pair of earrings

16 Kite beads Color A (inner swag)
14 Kite beads Color B (bottom swag)
34-38 size 11° seed beads
2 SKAFI III Cymbal endings
Pair of ear wires (with open jump rings as needed)

Size 12 beading needle Fireline 6lb Scissors or thread Zap Pliers to open ear wires/jump rings

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FIGURE 1

- **1.** On a 20-inch (52cm) thread string a stopper bead leaving a 6-inch tail. Sew out through an end leg of a SKAFI III and string an 11° .
- **2.** String a Kite Color A wide end and an 11° eight times. String an 11° . Sew in through the other end leg of the SKAFI.

FIGURE 2

NOTE: Due to size variations you may be able to string six OR seven 11°s inside the SKAFI.

- **3.** String six 11°s and sew through the middle leg of the SKAFI. String six more 11°s. Remove your stopper bead and knot the working thread to the tail inside the SKAFI between the leg and last 11°, pulling snug. Sew out the SKAFI leg. **NOTE:** Do not trim the tail thread yet.
- **4**. Sew through the first 11° and Kite wide end. Reverse direction and sew out the tip end of the same Kite.
- **5.** String an 11° as a rivet bead and sew back through the Kite tip.

FIGURE 3

- **6.** String a Kite color B and sew through the next Kite A tip end. Repeat to add a Kite B between each Kite A. Sew out through the last Kite A.
- 7. String an 11° as a rivet bead and sew back through the Kite tip.
- 8. Reverse direction and sew out the Kite wide end. Sew through the 11°, SKAFI leg, the next six (or seven) 11°s, the middle SKAFI leg and the next 11°s, and the SKAFI outer leg. Sew again through the 11°s and Kites and 11°s (in Figures 1 and 2) to firm up the piece, until the thread meets the tail.
- **9.** Knot the thread and tail. Secure tail and working threads in beadwork and trim.
- **10**. Attach an ear wire to the loop of the SKAFI, or use jump rings for added length.

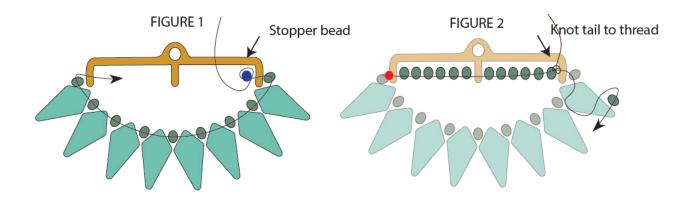
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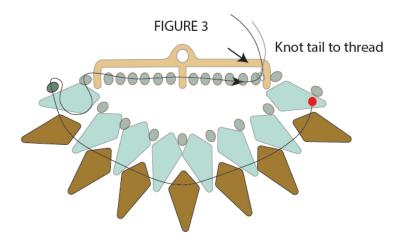
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Illustrations for Pennant Earrings by Leslie Rogalski

Only one thread path is shown for clarity. Refer to the instructions for places to repeat thread paths.





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