



## MINI-ME HOOP-STAR EARRINGS

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Being inside a smaller hoop does not dim their star power.

**Skill level:** Confident beginner and up

**Techniques:** Stitching with two-hole beads

**Finished length:** 1¼"

### MATERIALS

- 0.25 grams size 15° seed beads
- 24 size 11° seed beads
- 12 GemDuos
- 24 SuperDuos
- 2 size 30mm ear hoops with inner top loop
- 1 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).** Thread 26-inches 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 away from the knot through one bead 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 one 15°, one SuperDuo, one 15°, one SuperDuo and one 15°. Sew through open hole of the next GemDuo. Repeat five more times. Sew through all the beads again and exit the first 15° added in this step.

## ATTACH COMPONENT TO HOOP

### FIGURE 2

**Step 3.** Position the component inside the earring hoop with a pair of SuperDuos lined up directly underneath the inside loop. **NOTE:** Make sure that the GemDuos are right side up before stitching.

**Step 4 (black thread).** String two 15° and sew through the open hole of the SuperDuo. String two 15°s and one 11°. Going from the front to the back, sew through the loop and back through the 11°. String two 15°s and sew through the next SuperDuo. String two 15°s and sew through the next 15°, GemDuo and 15°.

**Step 5 (red thread).** String two 15° and sew through the next SuperDuo. String two 15°s and one 11°. Going from the front to the back, sew over the hoop and back through the 11°. String two 15°s and sew through the next SuperDuo. String two 15°s and sew through the next 15°, GemDuo and 15°.

**Step 6.** Repeat Step 5 four more times. Continue through to exit the first two 15°s added in Step 4.

### FIGURE 3

**Step 7.** Following the existing thread path, sew through the following beads: two 15°s, the 11°, the loop and back through the same 11°, the next two 15°s, SuperDuo and one 15°.

**Step 8.** String one 11° and sew through the next 15° and SuperDuo. Continue through the next seven beads making sure to sew into the 11°, around the hoop and back through the same 11°.

**Step 9.** Repeat Step 8 five more times. 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.

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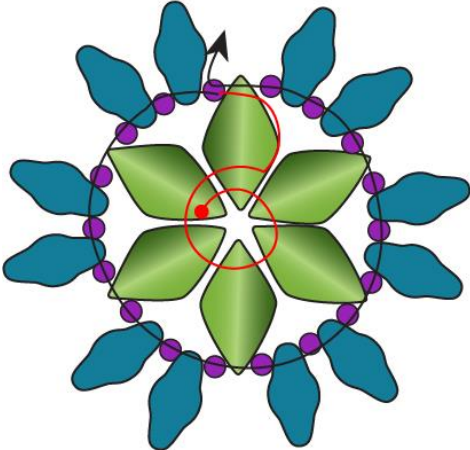


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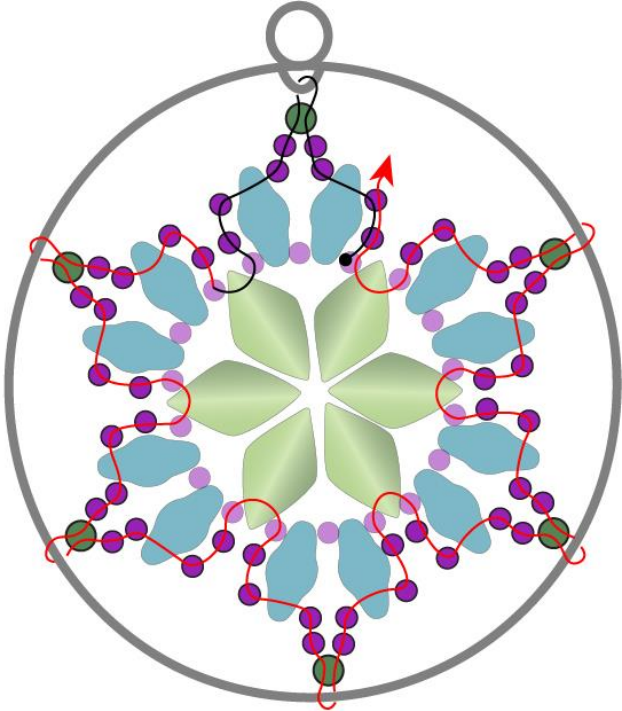


FIGURE 2

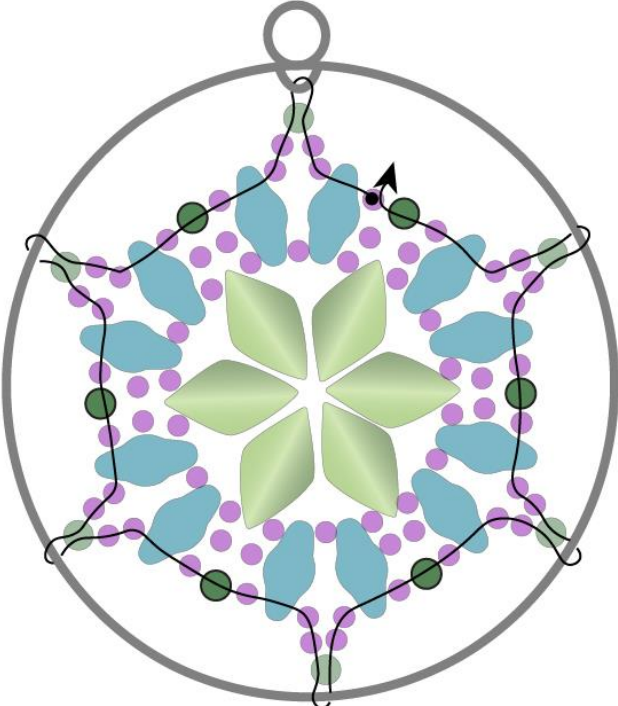


FIGURE 3

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**MINI-ME HOOP-STAR EARRINGS COLOR COMBOS**

Matte velvet dark teal – SuperDuos  
Backlit aquasol – GemDuos  
Metallic dark blue iris – size 15° rounds  
Silver lined teal – size 11° round



Matte velvet mustard – SuperDuos  
Backlit tequila – GemDuos  
Duracoat galv dark berry – size 15° rounds  
Duracoat op dyed kumquat – size 11° rounds

Matte velvet lizard green – SuperDuos  
Backlit hazel sun – GemDuos  
Dark blue lined green AB – size 15° rounds  
Duracoat galv dark mint green– size 11° rounds

