

Herringbone Hoops

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Skill Level - Advanced Beginner

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Requirements

Beads (for design on page 1)

- 15 x Miyuki 11/0 Delica - (A)
- 30 x Miyuki 11/0 Delica - (B)
- 30 x Miyuki 11/0 Delica - (C)
- 30 x Miyuki 11/0 Delica - (D)
- 30 x Miyuki 11/0 Delica - (E)
- 30 x Miyuki 11/0 Delica - (F)
- 1 x 25mm Hoop Ear Hook

Tools & Other Required Items

- Beading Needle - Size 12
- Thread - KO or Miyuki Thread to match hook
- Scissors
- Thread Burner

Videos

Scan the QR code to access the link to all of the videos for this project.



When using shaped frames, or in this case an ear hook, the traditional approach is a ladder stitch base and brick stitch or fringe detail. This design uses Herringbone to provide a lace or leaf like detail to the ear hook.

As this design uses a small quantity of beads it is great way to use up beads from your stash.

Stitches Used

Ladder - an off-loom bead technique it often forms the foundation of more advanced bead stitches, such as herringbone and brick stitch.

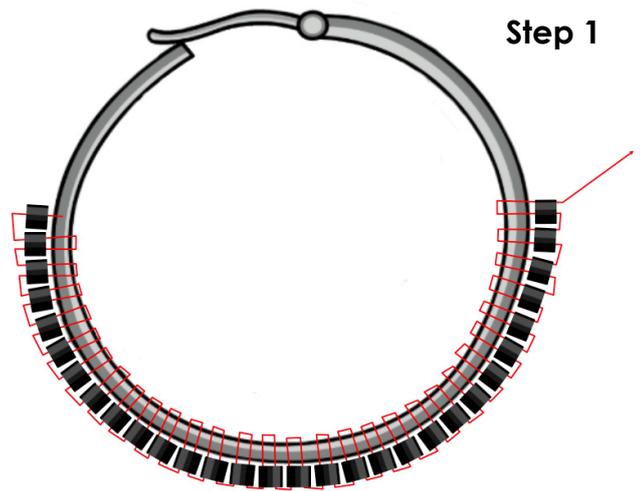
Herringbone - a versatile, unique off-loom bead technique. Also known as Ndbele Weave for its use by a South African tribe of the same name, the stitch is characterised by its snakeskin feel and visible chevron pattern.

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Step 1 - Ladder Stitch Base

The first step is to create a base of beads using ladder stitch - you will add 30 delicas in total in this step. *I would advise using a matching thread in the colour of the ear hook*

- Tie your thread onto the ear hook at the back of the ear hook.
- Pick up 2 delicas, move them down the thread to sit on the ear hook, pass the needle under the ear hook and on the opposite side of the ear hook pass the needle up through the second delica added in this step.
- Pick up 1 delica and repeat the process in the step above. Repeat this until all 30 delicas have been added.



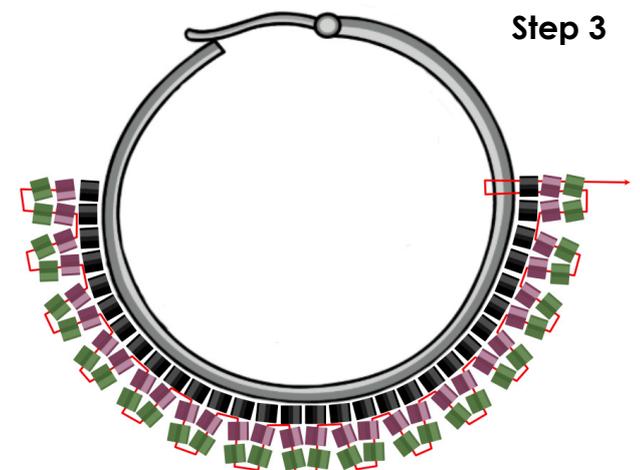
Step 2 - Herringbone Row 1

- Pick up 2 delicas (shown in purple) and position them to sit on top of the first and second delicas in the ladder stitch row (shown in black), pass the needle down through the second delica. Pass the needle back up through the next delica added in the ladder stitch row.
- Repeat the process to add 2 delicas on top of the delicas added in the ladder stitch row.
- You will add 15 pairs of delicas in this step.
- To prepare for the next row, pass your needle under the ear hook and pass the needle through the 2 delicas on the edge of your work. Your thread will exit from a delica as shown in purple.



Step 3 - Herringbone Row 2

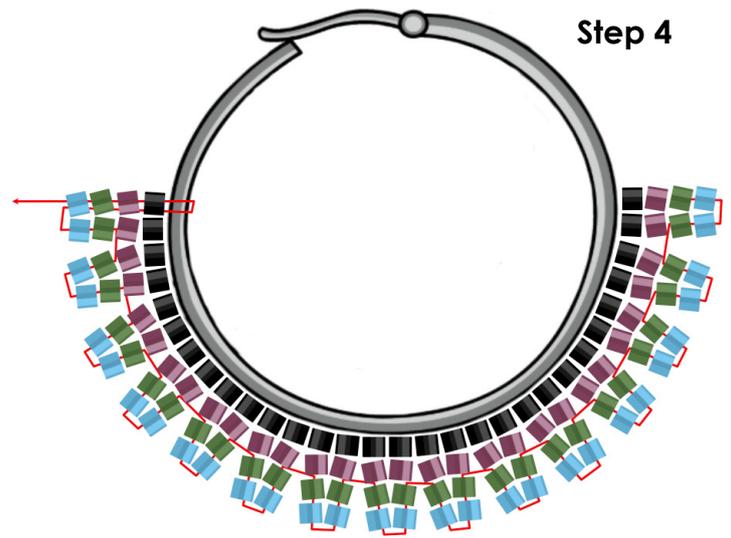
- Pick up 2 delicas (shown in green) and position them to sit on top of the first and second delicas in the first herringbone row (shown in purple), pass the needle down through the second delica. Pass the needle back up through the next delica added in the first herringbone row.
- Repeat the process to add 2 delicas on top of the pairs of delicas added in the first herringbone row.
- You will add 15 pairs of delicas in this step.
- To prepare for the next row, pass your needle through all three of the delicas on the end row, pass the needle under the ear hook and pass up through the same three beads. Your thread will exit from a delica as shown in green.



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Step 4 - Herringbone Row 3

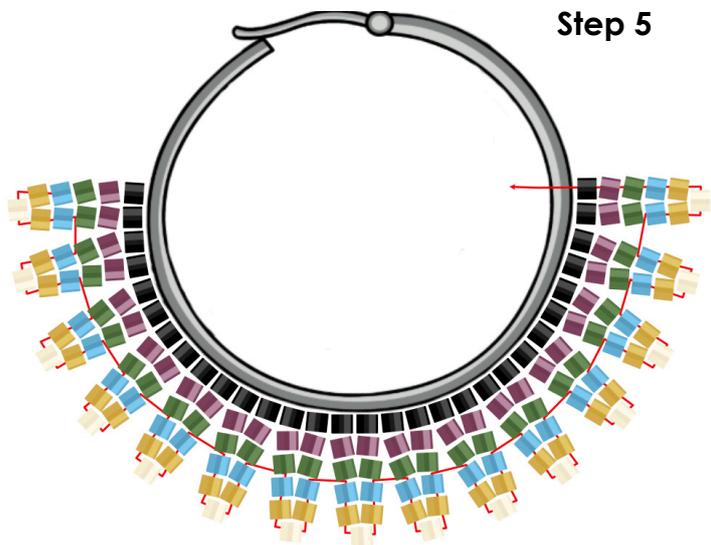
- Pick up 2 delicas (shown in blue) and position them to sit on top of the first and second delicas in the second herringbone row (shown in green), pass the needle down through the second delica. Pass the needle back up through the next delica added in the second herringbone row.
- Repeat the process to add 2 delicas on top of the pairs of delicas added in the second herringbone row.
- You will add 15 pairs of delicas in this step.
- To prepare for the next row, pass your needle through all four of the delicas on the end row, pass the needle under the ear hook and pass up through the same four beads. Your thread will exit from a delica as shown in blue.



Step 4

Step 5 - Herringbone Row 4

- In this final step you will pick up 3 delicas (shown in gold and cream) and position them to sit on top of the first and second delicas in the third herringbone row (shown in blue), pass the needle down through the second delica. Pass the needle back up through the next delica added in the third herringbone row.
- Repeat the process to add 3 delicas on top of the pairs of delicas added in the third herringbone row.
- You will add 15 sets of 3 delicas in this step.
- To finish off your earring, pass your needle through the three rows of delicas and tie off around the ear hook.



Step 5

Repeat the process to make a second earring.

If you wish to replicate the colour pattern on the sample on page one use this guide.

Black Delica - Colour F

Blue Delica - Colour C

Purple Delica - Colour E

Gold Delica - Colour B

Green Delica - Colour D

Cream Delica - Colour A