

# Quilt Block Earrings

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**Skill Level** - Advanced Beginner

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# Requirements

## Beads (for design on page 1)

- 104 x Miyuki 11/0 Delica - (A)
- 156 x Miyuki 11/0 Delica - (B)
- 208 x Miyuki 11/0 Delica - (C)
- 208 x Miyuki 11/0 Delica - (D)
- 156 x Miyuki 11/0 Delica - (E)
- 104 x Miyuki 11/0 Delica - (F)
- 184 x Miyuki 11/0 Delica - (G) (Core & Join)
- 1 x Pair 304 Stainless Steel Studs

## Tools & Other Required Items

- Beading Needle - Size 10 & Size 12
- Thread - Fireline 6lb or KO Miyuki Thread
- Scissors
- Thread Burner

## Videos

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



This is the second of my “design your own adventure pieces”. By this I mean that you can design & connect the square elements in the design in anyway you like to create your earrings. You can also choose to create a focal for a necklace or use the square elements as a chain.

In this pattern I will be showing the patterned earring version per the cover photo. In one of the videos I will layout and discuss alternative options to use all of the components to create your own design. I have also added a couple of layout options on page 3.

## Stitches Used

**Square** - a technique where beads are woven together to create a flat, grid-like fabric. The beads stack directly above and below each other, creating straight horizontal and vertical rows.

**Peyote** - an off-loom beading technique, it can be worked with either an even or odd number of beads per row.

**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.

# Instructions - Quilt Block Earrings - Base Component

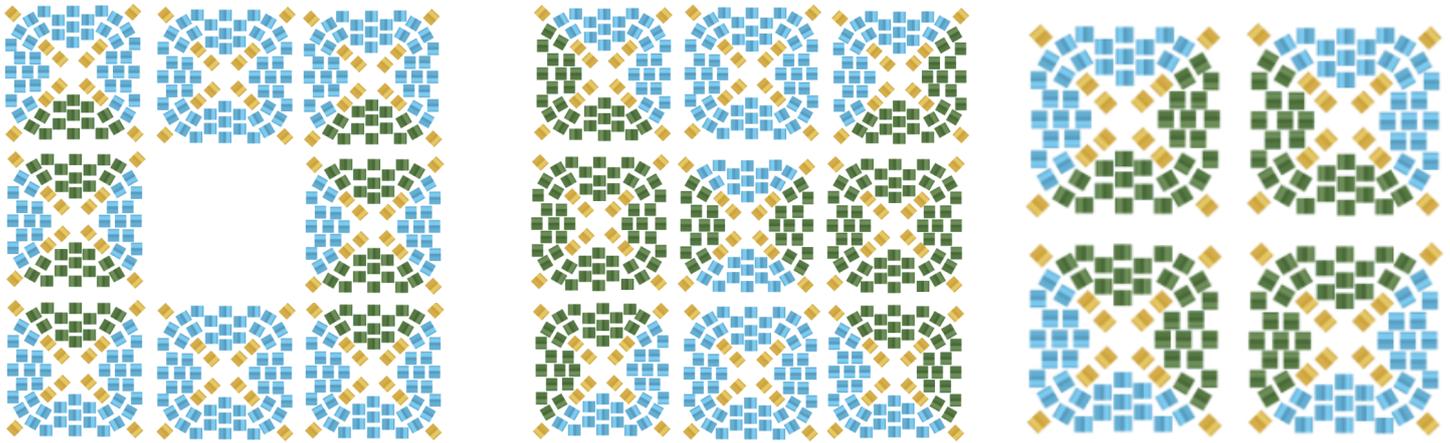
## Quilt Block Squares

- Create flat peyote squares per the instructions in the Quilt Block Bracelet pattern (pages 3 & 4)

## Design Options

- There are a number of ways you can design the base component of your Quilt Block Earring - three options are below and the design on page 1 is another option.

The first video in the bracelet series shows how to make a flat peyote square, The third video in the bracelet series shows how to join the flat peyote squares.



# Instructions - Quilt Block Earrings - Stud Topper

## Quilt Block Squares

- For each stud topper you will need to create two identical flat peyote squares.
  - Finish of the first one and tie off the thread - this will be the top square
  - Add edge beads to all four sides of the second square - this will be the base square. Leave the thread on this square as you will use it to join the squares.

## Creating the Stud Topper

- Insert the stem of the stud into the centre hold of the base square, place the top square on top of the base square and the stud top
- Zip the two squares together (see the join method on page 7 of the bracelet pattern).
- You can tie off the thread and use this as a cute stud or leave the thread onto connect your Quilt Block design.

## Joining Stud Topper to the Quilt Block

- Use the square stitch technique to join the stud topper to the quilt block.
- Use a double stitch to join the corner delica on the top square of the stud topper to a corner delica in the quilt block. Repeat this step to join the corresponding corner on the base square of the stud topper to the same corner bead on the quilt block.
- Once you have completed the join, tie off the thread and repeat to make the second earring.

The video demonstrates how to join the flat peyote squares to create the stud topper and join this to the Quilt Block design to create your Quilt Block Earrings.