

Snowflake Ornament Earrings

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Skill Level - Advanced Beginner

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Requirements

Beads (per Ornament / Earring)

1 x 8mm Faceted Round Glass Bead - Clear -
(R8)

42 x Miyuki 11/0 Seed Bead 11-91051 Galvanized
Silver (SB11)

10 x Miyuki 8/0 Seed Bead 8-91051 Galvanized
Silver (SB8A)

28 x Miyuki 8/0 Seed Bead 8-9528 White Ceylon
(SB8B)

7 x Miyuki 8/0 Seed Bead 8-91 Silver Lined Crystal
(SB8C)

14 x Miyuki 6mm Bugle BGL2-9528 Ceylon White
Pearl (B6)

6 x Miyuki 2.8mm Drop DP1051 Galvanized Silver
(DP)

1 x Wire Guard – Silver

1 x 6mm 304 Stainless Steel Jump Rings

1 x White & Silver Laynard Cord

1 x 15mm French Hook with Spring Silver

Tools & Other Required Items

Beading Needle - Size 10 or 12

Thread - Fireline 6lb or S-Lon Fire 4lb

Scissors

Thread Burner

It's easy to create these crystal snowflakes and turn them into a tree ornament or earrings!

Follow along with us as we stitch around an 8mm crystal bead, then using herringbone stitch, create the crystallising arms of a snowflake.

Each step in the construction creates a cute stopping point that looks neat even before the next steps are added. Lots of room to experiment with these!

I have included the original instructions for this piece in case you remake them with a different core bead.

There are notes on page 4 which show the changes I made to the pattern to create the ornament shown on page 1.

Instructions - Snowflake Ornament Earrings

Step 1

Start with an 8mm Crystal and about 55-inches of beading thread. Thread on a needle and bring it through the bead. Loop around the bead, coming back through it so the thread runs along the side. Repeat this placing a strand on the other side, so the two together form a Saturn ring belt. Repeat this to lay another strand over the starting strand, then a second over the second strand. You'll have two passes on both sides of the bead.



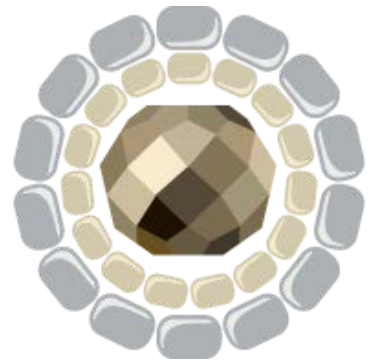
Step 2

Use these threads as your thread bridge. Brick stitch (15) S11 around the bead. Bring the tail thread up through the nearest bead as you pass over it. Join the last S11 to the first to form a complete ring around.

Brick stitch a ring of (14) S8A on top of the ring of S11. Bring the tail thread up through the nearest as you pass it.

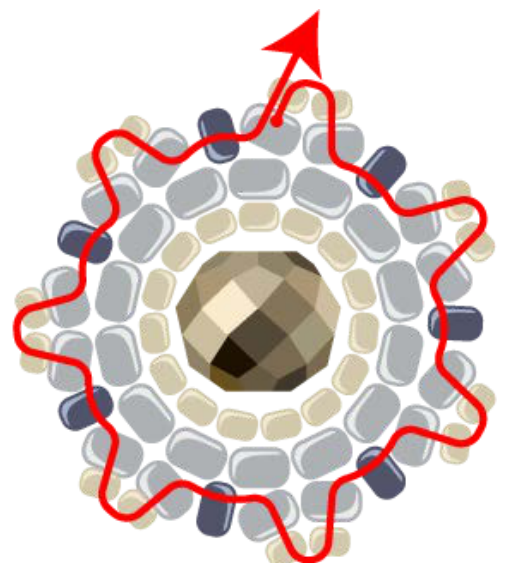
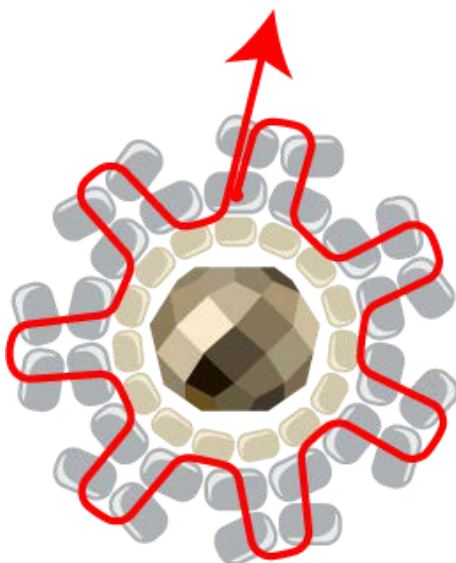
Step 3

Begin herringbone stitch through the S8A beads that make up the second ring with S8A. (7) sets of (2) S8A will fit around. Once you complete the trip around, step-up through the first S8A added in this step. Trim the tail thread after this step. Weave in if desired.



Step 4

Complete herringbone stitch with S11 above each pair of S8A. In between stitches, add (1) S8B. At the end of this round, again step-up through the first added.



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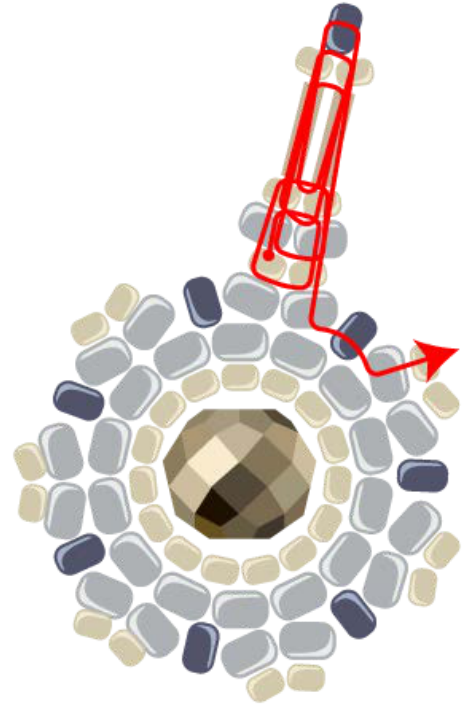
Step 5

The next steps are single column herringbone stitch. With your thread exiting from the last bead in Step 4, begin herringbone with a set of (2)S8A.

Loop back through the S11 from Step 4. This is a single column herringbone stitch. Create a next row with (2)S11, then (2)B3, ending with (2)S11.

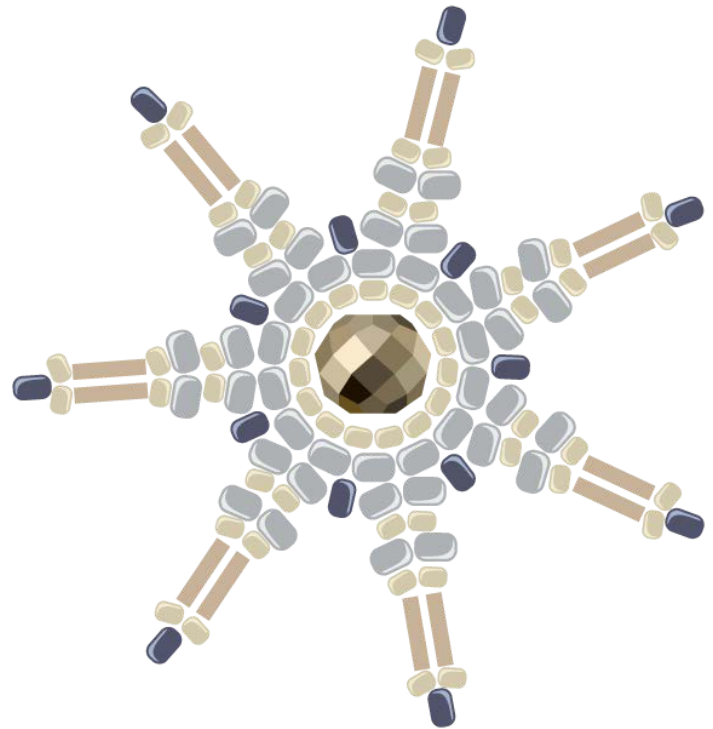
Add (1)S8B, then continue down through all the right-side beads, turn through the S8B and continue up through the next S8A and S11 that start up the next point.

Repeat this around, creating (7) points. Weave in thread through several beads, using thread bridges to make locking turns, then trim.



Step 6

Open an 8mm jump ring. Insert it through one of the S8B on a point. Add another jump ring if desired, then attach an ear wire or tree hook.



Lynda's Adaptation

With the 8mm Faceted glass bead in the kit, the 11/0 Beads (S11) used in the original pattern in step 2 did not work. I swapped this to 10 x 8/0 Beads (SB8A).

I also swapped the 3mm Bugle (B3) used in step 5 over to a 6mm Bugle (B6).

On six of the points in step 5 I swapped the 1 x S8 on the end of the design to a Miyuki Drop (DP). On the seventh point I swapped the 1 x S8 over to the Wire Guard.

To make the ornament, use the jump ring to join the wire guard to the mobile lanyard. For the earring, use the jump ring to join the wire guard to the ear hook.